# Russia Plays the Zhirinovsky Card Kremlin Asserts NATO Expansion Would Aid Hard-Liners

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New York Times Service
MOSCOW — The sizable vote for Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the extreme nationalist, is providing the Russian government a fur-ther weapon in its campaign against the ex-tension of the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-

tension to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to Central and Eastern Europe.

The extension of NATO practically to Russia storders as just the sort of humiliation that will drive nationalists further toward the Zhirmovsky camp, argues the Russian Foreign Mainster, Andrei V. Kozyrev. What's more, Mr. Kozyrev says, "our Cen-tral and East European friends, in their heart

of hearts, they know it — they've already lived in a Soviet zone." But Mr. Zhirinovsky's success is also reopening the issue of NATO membership, making an American-designed compromise, "Partnesship for Peace," look hollow just two weeks before it is to be adopted by a NATO summit meeting in Brussels, senior European

the case that Mr. Zhirinovsky must not be overestimated, but that Russia's "wounded consciousness will be with us for some time."

The conclusion for East European nations like Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic is clear, Mr. Kozyrev said: "They must strengthen the hand of Russian democrats and weaken the ground for Zhirinovsky. If the East European states immediately join NATO, this will play into Zhirinovsky's hands and do little to enhance their security in reactive learner." in practical terms."

With President Bill Clinton said by the Russians to be due in Moscow on Jan. 12 after the NATO summit meeting, Mr. Ko-zyrev also complained bitterly about the lack of a consistent, formulated strategy toward Russia and its transformation on the part of the West. U.S. policy toward Russia, Mr. Kozyrev said, is "reactive" and ad hoc.

"I don't feel we have real strategic partners," he said. Compared to the Western diplomats say.

creation of NATO to counter the Soviet in a recent interview, Mr. Kozyrev made threat, he said, "Now we have no formulated

strategy, only two or three vague notions, nor mechanisms nor resources."

The NATO meeting in Brussels on Jan. 10-11 will be dominated by the question of NATO's possible expansion to include countries.

tries like Poland and other formerly Sovietdominated countries.

Most have expressed the desire to join NATO, in part to underline their adherence to the West, but mostly to try to guarantee their security, against just the kind of Russia led by someone like Mr. Zhirnovsky.

An American compromise will offer all Central and East European countries, including Russia, a vague "Partnership for Peace," with participation in some NATO training and exercises, leading, eventually, perhaps, to full membership. But for the foreseeable fu-

ture, there will be no security guarantees.
This compromise, which satisfies Russia but not the East and Central Europeans, is all but a done deal, Western diplomats say. But some countries, like Germany, believe

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# Privatization a Success, Moscow Says

By Lee Hockstader

Washington Past Service : MOSCOW — With the sale of state-owned . enterprises maring ahead at up to 800 companies every month, President Boxis N. Yeltsin's privatization chief said Tuesday that nearly half the Russian economy had now been privatized.

Starting from screech less than two years ago, the largest selloff of state-owned property in history has resulted in the privatization of about 11,000 of the largest industrial enter-

About two-thirds of all shops, small basinesses, restaurants and service establishments have also been turned over by the state, said Deputy Prime Minister Anatoli B. Chubais, chairman of the Russian government's state property committee.

In all, he estimated that 40 to 50 percent of the economy was now in private hands.

"We've done what we've been planning in the main," said Mr. Cimbais, 38, at an upbeat oews conference on Tuesday. "Russian priva-tization, Russian private property is begin-ning to work for the benefit of the Russian economy, for the benefit of all the citizens of

From the start, the government's privatiza-tion plan has emphasized the speedy divorce of enterprises from the old-line Soviet bu-

- reancrats who ran them from Moscow for decades of Communist rule.

But the program has come under fire from critics who say that it stresses style over substance. That is, many enterprises have simply been handed over the workers and managers for a nominal fee, without any significant change in the way they do busi-

ness, they say. At the oews conference, Mr. Chubais fired back at the program's detractors.

"Privatization is not manna from heaven,"

he said. "It is an opportunity to tackle prob-lems on a modern level." But he also acknowledged that political See PRIVATE, Page 11



BULGARIA TELLS ZHIRINOVSKY TO LEAVE — The extreme Russian nationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky greeting hard-liners Tuesday in Sofia before he was ordered to leave Bulgaria within 24 hours for calling on President Zhelyu Zhelev to resign.

# **Spain Takes** Over Banesto **And Ousts** Bank's Head

Madrid Acts to Protect Financial System and To Reassure Depositors

By Alan Riding

New York Times Service The Bank of Spain on Tuesday took over management of Banco Español de Crédito, the country's third-largest bank, and replaced its flamboyant chairman, Mario Conde, with a provisional board comprising representatives of five other commercial banks.

A senior government economic official, Al-fredo Pastor, said in Madrid that inspectors had concluded that the troubled bank, known as Banesto, lacked the resources to cover its

Government officials said the Bank of Spain was principally concerned with protecting the credibility of the country's banking system. The Bank of Spain said that it guaranteed Banesto's

liquidity at home and abroad. Angel Rojo, the governor of the central bank, appeared live on television Tuesday night to reassure depositors that "this certainly painful decision" would not hurt them. José Luis Leal. president of the Spanish Banking Association, assured the international community that the Spanish financial system was "sound." J.P. Morgan & Co., the Wall Street bank, has a

significant shareholding in Banesto. Spain's central bank acted hours after trading in shares of Banesto was suspended by Spain's stock exchange commission. Earlier in the day, amid mounting rumors of a crisis, Banesto's shares lost 6.98 percent of their value. to 1,995 pesetas (\$14.28) a share.

The ouster of Mr. Conde caused immediate political waves in Spain. The dashing 43-year-old banker, who led Banesto to invest in a television station and newspapers, was widely believed to harbor political ambitions and was a critic of Spain's Socialist government.

Although Spanish oewspapers had frequently speculated about Banesto's financial health over the past year, the end of Mr. Coode's reign came suddenly. It appeared to have been brought on by a wave of bad oews this month, including a decision by Standard & Poor's Corp., the credit rating service, to lower the

rating of the bank's short-term debt. At the same time, the bank had been forced to admit that it was channeling its 1993 profit as well as the revenue from some: to provisions for loan losses.

Mr. Pastor, who is Spain's secretary of state for economy, said inspectors from the Bank of Spain had concluded that Banesto's previous management was unable to raise the funds necessary to restore its financial balance.

One sign of this was that Banesto was forced to suspend a third stage of a planned \$1.2 billion capital increase until next spring. Placement of the equity offering was being handled by J.P. Morgan.

Morgan was one of 50 investors in the Cor-sair Fund, which raised \$1 billion earlier this year for long-term investment in banks worldwide. One of the fund's first moves was to buy 7.9 percent of Banesto's shares for \$162 million.

The Bank of Spain said the restructuring of Banesto required the belp of the entire banking system. Alfredo Saenz Abad, the deputy chairman of Banco Bilbao Vizcaya, was appointed chairman of the new five-man board.

The other new directors also come from Spanish banks - Ildefonso Ayala Garcia from Banco Popular, Marcial Portela Alvarez from Grupo Bancario Argentaria, Epifanio Ridruejo Brieva from Banco Central Hispano and Matias Rodriguez Inciarte from Banco Santander.

The Bank of Spain said the new board had the job of maintaining the bank's normal operations and of drawing up a restructuring plan in collaboration with the central bank.

Banesto is a major shareholder in Portugal's Banco Totta e Açores and is active in Latin America. The banking group had assets at the end of September of 3.37 trillion pesetas.

Mr. Pastor said the Bank of Spain carried out an inspection of Banesto in November 1992 and, alarmed by what it found, asked the bank to present a restructuring plan. But when the central bank made a new inspection in February this year, be said, it found the bank's bealth had further deteriorated.

"When the inspection was completed," Mr. Pastor said, "the Bank of Spain asked for a new plan, but this did not offer enough guarantees either. In the past two weeks, different versions were presented, but they were not satisfactory."

# While Washington Frets, Seoul Speaks Softly on Foreign Affairs

New York Times Service SEOUL -Not long ago, a military officer here - a hardliner when it comes to North Korea's noclear-bomb project — expressed gradging admiration for the way the negotia-tions with the North had been handled by South Korea's very maniferary foreign minister. Han Sung Ico. Mr. Han, he said, is a brilliant man, the country's premier

political scientist, probably a pretty trafty negotiator. But he suffers a character flaw, the officer said: He is so softspoken, so calm, that "he makes me wonder if he is really

In his Foreign Ministry office the other day, the man who has emerged as the precise, English-speaking voice of a new South Korea, one whose government is no longer dominated

by former military officials, conceded that he had often dealing with the Communist government of Kim II Sung. asked himself the same question.

"Tru more like a Thai than a Korean," the 53-year-old former professor said with a wan smile, speaking in a voice so quiet that visitors sometimes have to lean over to hear

South Korea's president plays down reports that North Korea line probably developed nuclear bumbs. Page 6. :

him. I think I'd like to do things in a more rational way, in a. country that you could call, well, emotion-prone." Amid considerable struggles within South Korea's yearold government, the first headed by a civilian in three decades, Mr. Han has emerged as the chief architect of Scoul's — and sometimes Washington's — strategy for.

Along the way, he has brought a new tone to his country's diplomatic efforts, a self-assurance that has permitted the South to treat its traditional enemy less like a mortal threat, more like a cranky, sometimes violent elderly relative who oceds to be humored and negotiated with in his last days.

In a diplomatic role reversal, it has often been Mr. Han, sitting within firing range of North Korea's forces along the Washington to calm down, to keep cajoling and tempting North Korea's leaders rather than threatening them.

He is acknowledged as the architect of what has come to be known as the "package deal," the current offer to trade full inspection of the North's declared nuclear sites for an end to some military exercises in the South and inter-

Korean talks about trade, aid and diplomatic recognition. But in Scoul, Mr. Han, who had never before served in a senior government post, still makes many people uncom-fortable — especially in the armed forces and the intelligence agencies.

"The troth is that I bave had an easier time dealing with the barbarians than my own domestic audience," he said, smiling at his use of a label once reserved for all foreigners.

"An overwhelming thought here is that we cannot trust the North Koreans, and therefore there is no use in talking to them," he said. "There is much truth in that, But they doo't understand that on the basis of this possible deceit it is still useful to go on talking."

To Washington's frustration, South Korea's language has See KOREA, Page 6

Kiosk

Ukraine Marines Seize

Black Sea Fleet Offices

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Ukrainian ma-

rines armed with submachine guns seized two

offices of the disputed Black Sea Fleet,

shared with Russia, a duty officer in Sevasto-

Ukrainian servicemen had occupied offices

of military engineering units in the Black Sea

cities of Odessa and Ismail and prevented

officers from entering. Russia and Ukraine

are at odds over the fate of the former Soviet

The officer, speaking from the fleet's base, said it was not the first such action. "They do

it to show who is the boss," he said, adding

that there was oo shooting. Some of the

Russian servicemen had stayed in the units.

Saudi Arabia's first representative assembly

was to hold its inaugural session. Page 2

Les Aspin opposed leniency for an unrepen-tant, imprisoned Israeli spy. Page 2.

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The officer, contacted by phone, said

pol said Tuesday.

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fleet of about 300 ships.

# Vatican Ready To Set Up Ties With Israelis

By Barry James

The Vatican and Israel are about to sign a historic agreement establishing formal ties and piedging a joint struggle against racism and

prejudice.

A bilateral commission established in July
1992 is scheduled to hold a session at the Vatican on Wednesday, to be followed by the varies of the agreement in Jerusalem on Thursday by Yossi Bellin, the Israeli deputy foreign minister, and the Reverend Claudio Celli, the Vancan's undersecretary for foreign relations The agreement "falls short of full diplomatic.

recognition," according to diplomatic sources, because it calls for an exchange of "special representatives" rather than ambassadors. But the understanding is that relations will be upgraded once outstanding technical and legal questions have been resolved, the sources

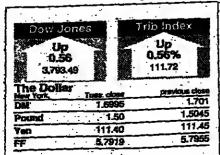
"It's important, and I'm glad it is happen-ing," said Kenneth Jacobson, director of international affairs for the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'rith in New York. "But I'm

sad it took so long."
With more than 130 countries already having recognized Israel, the Vanican's alcomess was starting to look indicrous, Mr. Jacobson said. Apart from confirming the Vanican's acceptance of Israel's right to exist, the agreement will help Israel achieve its political aim of establishing normal relations with the rest of the world, Mr. Jacobson added. In this context,

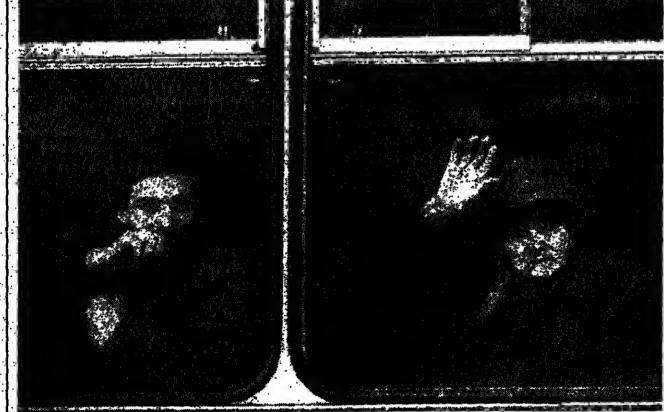
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Two Bosmans waving good-bye from a bus while being moved out of Sarejevo. Evacuees were taken to Serbia and Croatia. Page 2.

# their competing bids open on its high-speed rail line. Page 13.

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# Thai Child Prostitution Goes On as Efforts to Stop It Go for Naught

By William Branigin Washington Pass Service .

CHIANG MAI, Thailand - Mii Chun was 12 when her stepfather, an opium addict, sold her into prostitution.

A slight girl, she was brought into northern Thailand from her village in the Akha hill tribe region of neighboring Burma by a Thai policeman, who paid her stepfather the equivalent of \$192 and delivered her to a brothel in the town

of Chiang Rai. She says she was forced to have sex with three men her first day.

"The first man I had to service was Thai," she said. "I was very scared, and I cried, but he didn't beat me. The second person was an old man, and he beat me. I said, 'I can't dn this. He said: I already paid money for you. You have to do

For all her suffering, Mn Chuu was tucky. She was eventually rescued and brought to a shelter run by an

tested negative for the HIV virus, which causes AIDS, and plans eventually to "go to Bible school and be a teacher." Others are less fortunate. A friend of Mii Chuu's is among many child prostitutes who have tested positive for HIV.

and thousands of other girls are still in brothels. Despite a campaign by the government of Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai to eradicate child prostitution in Thailand, it continues to thrive, according to Thai and foreign social

American missionary in this northern Thai city. She has workers. As part of the larger issue of exploiting women in the Third World, child prostitution has stirred widespread internacional condemnation. Attention has focused on pedophiles from such countries as the United States, Australia, Germany and Japan. But these foreigners make up only a fraction of the clientele for child prostitutes, social workers

> In Thailand, many brothel customers look for young girls See THAIS, Page 6

# Hollywood Puzzler: The Debate Intensifies, but Violence Still Sells

By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES - Within hours of President Bill Clinton's highly publicized speech here imploring entertainment industry leaders to curb depictions of murder and maybem. in movies and television, a number of studio executives who praised Mr. Clinton for what they called his inspiring words were in a hidding war for a movie script in which 11 people

are killed in the first seven pages.

"A studio has a gramme responsibility in this issue," said Peter Chemin, chamman of 20th Century-Fox, referring to violence in the movies, "but we'd be a pretty impoverished society if we were to also say that in all of the arts we must be getting more violent, not less.

remove violence." Mr. Chernin's studio eventually landed the much sought-after script, titled "Overkill," for a price that may run as high as \$1 million. Other executives who praised Mr. Clinton's speech several weeks ago also bid on the script.

In the intensifying debate over the nation's violence, the movie and television industries say they face a difficult, if not insolvable, problem: how to reflect the violence in the United States without exploiting it.

But critics of violence, including even some movie executives, say that while the studios pay lip service to their responsibilities, they are chuming out movies that seem to

"The violence in movies is powerful and terrifying; we've become addicted to it," said Dr. Carole Lieberman, a Los Angeles psychiatrist and a former chairman of the National Coalition oo Television Violence. "Violence sells. And the movie industry is, to my mind, taking it far less seriously

But Joel Silver, perhaps the industry's most successful producer of action films, insists that the current debate is absurd. The threat by the administration and Congress to move for the first time into some vague legislation to control violent content is essentially an easy way of avoiding the core issues of crime, poverty and gun cootrol, he said.

"All week long I've been looking at the James Bond films

on television," Mr. Silver said. "My films are a direct descendant of those films. They're fun. When Bond throws a bad guy into a pool of piranhas and says, 'Bon appetit,' the audience loves it. Is that violence? Yes, Is it a fantasy? Yes, It's not meant to be taken scriously."

Even critics of violence acknowledge that the television networks, unlike major film studios, have generally curbed violence in the last decade, although the expansion of cable, with its freewheeling language, violence and sex, has appeared to dilute such efforts.

In the 1970s and '80s, such popular shows as "Miami

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# **Shura Council Inauguration** Will Mark a Step in Reforms

ral session on Wednesday.

The 60-member Shura Council, a consultative body, is part of long-promised political change in the hlies, and diplomats said these askingdom. "With God's will, King Fahd

will inaugurate in Riyadh on Wednesday the Shura Council," the official Saudi Press Agency said. It did not give any other de-

The appointed council, whose members are not from the ruling Saud family, is the first institution giving Saudi citizens a say in the affairs of the kingdom. It will not hold public sessions.

Since the Saudi state began to take shape at the beginning of the century, senior members of the royal family have customarily con-trolled the administration, including the oil wealth, foreign assets, the military and internal security. The speaker of the council, for-

mer Justice Minister Sheikh Mohammed ibn Ibrahim ibn Jubeir, has said that the council will act as a partner to the government, hut that the king has the final say.

"The Shura Council is an adviser DUBAI, United Arah Emirates

— Saudi Arahia announced Tuesing Muslim scholar, said a month day that the first representative assembly since the creation of the Saudi state would hold its inaugural session on Wadnesday.

la September, the king named semblies would meet after the Shura Council convenes on the national level.

Saudi rulers first promised to allow greater public participation in government more than 20 years ago, hut repeatedly put off practi-cal steps.

Diplomats say the need for change probably became more pressing after hundreds of thousands of American and other non-Muslim soldiers used Saudi Arabia as the main base for the campaign to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait

Diplomats say the Saudi reforms are in line with tradition in the desert kingdom.

Diplomats say that Shura Council and regional assembly members represent the various sectors of Saudi society, and that the Saudi people received the appointments well.

# Israel and the PLO Still Deadlocked **But 2 Sides Hint at Progress**

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

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New York Times Service
CAIRO — Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization ap-peared deadlocked Tuesday after a secood day of talks over who will control access to the Gaza Strip and Jerieho after an Israeli troop

[The talks recessed early Wednesday with both sides hinting at progress, Reuters reported from Cairo. Mahmoud Ahhas, who is leading the PLO team, said, "The

talks went very well."]
Foreign Minister Shimon Peres indicated that Israel's primary concern remained how to recoocile Palestinian demands for a measure of control over access to these enclaves with its own fears that granting the demand would make Israel more vulnerable to terrorism from within the territories.

to believe it would reach an agreement with the PLO, even though they had failed to resolve their differences in successive sets of talks in Oslo, Paris and now Cairo. But he asserted that on the issue of security, Israel could not show any flexibility.

"As far as we are concerned, we shall respect their dignity and, as much as we can, their needs," Mr. Peres said after a meeting with President Hosni Muharak of Egypt, "But you know that our main concern is, and will remain, coocern for the security of Israel."

Palestinian officials indicated that the main question was whose soldiers would stand at the Allenhy Bridge, which runs from Jordan to the Jericho area on the West Bank, and at the border between Egypt and the Gaza Strip.

Israel, oze PLO official said, has insisted that its border policemen and army must continue to screen people seeking entry at these crossing points as they have done for 26 years, ever since Israeli began occu-

pying Gaza and the West Bank.
The Israelis have proposed that we stand at checkpoints right behind them, like 10 meters behind or so," the PLO official said. "They have also proposed joint patrols on the roads leading into and out of Jericho and Gaza. All of this can only diminish any real control by us over these regions."

The Palestinians insist, he said, that unless they are seen to be exercising physical control of Jericho and Gaza, particularly concerning daily crossings hy Palestinians, they will lose popular support for coordining with the peace process.

"I don't want to propose a rosy picture that exceeds reality." said Amr Moussa, Egypt's foreign minister, standing next to Mr. Peres during the press conference on the steps of Egypt's presidential pal-ace. "They need a chance in continued talks to resolve these ques-

There is also growing concern among both Israelis and Egyptians, meanwhile, that a continuing series of resignations by leaders of the PLO in the occupied territories may be undermining the ability of the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, to enforce any pact that he agrees

to within the occupied territories. Another concern expressed by both Arah officials and Israelis is that the Muslim fundamentalist movement Hamas, which has risen in popularity in the last few months as criticism of the peace accord has increased in Palestinian ranks, is positioning itself to take a leading role in negotiating with Israel if the PLO falters.

"If Arafat continues to suffer from this internal bleeding, with people leaving him left and right, Hamas is bound to take advantage of the situation," a senior Arah diplomat in Egypt said,

# Dave Beck Dies at 99, **Led Teamsters Union**

New York Times Service Dave Beck, 99, one of the most

powerful and outspoken labor leaders in the middle of this century and the first of a series of Teamsters presidents to go to prison in the 1960s, died Sunday in Seattle. Mr. Beck was the president of the International Brotherhood of

Teamsters from 1952 to 1957, when he defied a U.S. Senate hearing on union corruption by invoking the Fifth Amendment protection against self-inerimination 117

Built almost of the same tough metal as James R. Hoffa, who succeeded him as the unchallenged

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BIARRIIZ - DREUX

The friends of the Duchess of Nemours regret to announce the death of

H.R.H. MARGUERITE D'ORLEANS Duchess of Nemours nee Marguente Watson

In Bayoone On Monday, December 27, 1993 at the age of 94

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 1993, at 4:15 p.m. at the Church Sainte-Eugénie in Barmz, and will be followed by the burial in the Ruyal Chapel of Dreux on Thursday, December 30, 1993, at 4:30 p.m. This is the only official notice.

head of the Teamsters, Mr. Beck was convicted in 1959 of federal income-tax evasion and state embezzlement charges for stealing \$1,900 from the sale of a unionowned automobile. He served 30 months in prison before being paroled in 1964. "A certain number of people will

say labor leaders are crooks," he said in 1986, when he was 92. They'll say it more about the Teamsters because we are the largest union in the world."

After his release, Mr. Beck was given a full pardon in 1975 from President Gerald R. Ford and was warmly received every time he appeared at Teamsters conventions and union halls.

Valentina Brodsky Chagall, 88. the second wife of the artist Marc Chagall and heir to an extensive collection of his paintings, died Wednesday in Saint-Paul-de-Vence in southern France. She was a native of kiev and married the artist in 1952. His first wife died in 1944. Chagall died in 1985 at 97,

Robert V. Roosa, 75, who served as undersecretary of the Treasury for monetary affairs from 1961 to 1964 and was a retired Wall Street investment banker, died Thursday of prostate cancer in Port Chester. New York

Jeff Morrow, 86, a stage and film actor known for his portrayal of a hlack-hearted centurian in the bib lical epic, "The Robe," and a series of low-hudget science fiction thrillers, died Sunday in Los Angeles,

# Canadians Get Taste of Serbian Anger

By Chuck Sudetic New York Times Service

VISOKO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Bosnian Serbs reportedly captured 11 Canadians serving in the United Nations military force here last week, lined them up against a wall and opened fire just above their heads, members of the Canadians' unit say.

The United Nations Tuesday disputed reports that the 11 captured Canadians were subjected to a mock execution by Bosnian Serbs, but admitted that one Serb fired shots at a Canadian soldier, Reuters reported. ["Reports of a mock execution appear to

be exaggerated," a UN statement said.] The 11 were released unharmed after a two-hour ordeal, hus three of them "were pretty shaken up" and are under medical observation, according to a Canadian officer.

The incident underscored the confusion surrounding the mission of the UN forces here, deployed primarily to protect relief defront-line bridge on the highway linking this Muslim town with Sarajevo, 20 miles (32 kilometers) away. Canadian soldiers said. Bosnian Serbian forces have blocked the highway since soon after fighting began in

A sniper from the Bosnian Army, which is entirely Muslim in the area, shot and wounded a Bosnian Serb at a bunker near the bridge, Canadian soldiers said.

"The Serbs then asked our guys to transport the wounded man to a hospital," a Canadian said. But for some reason no order was given at the Canadian battalion's headquarters to take the man to the hospital in nearby Visoko, under Muslim control.

"Our guys radioed in several requests," the soldier said, but a Canadian officer said that "there was a hit of confusion" and that no attempt had been made. One soldier said the Canadians lacked a vehicle to take the wounded man.

About 30 minutes later, the wounded man

dians responsible.
"A little later in the day the Serbs got drunk," a Canadian soldier said, and they sprayed machine-gun fire into the Canadian bunker and a tent and captured the 11 men eight soldiers and three technicians.

The Serbs then stood them against a wall with their hands in the air and began shooting into the wall over their heads and in front of their feet, they said.

The incident ended, the Canadian soldiers

The incident ended, the Canadian soldiers said, when a Serbian general came to the scene and calmed down his men.

Captain Raymond Belanger, the spokesman for 12th Canadian Armored Regiment, the 780-member Canadian unit attached to the UN forces here, confirmed that an incident had taken place at the bridge on the dent had taken place at the bridge on the Visoko-Sarajevo highway.

Nine Canadians are among the 29 UN troops who have been killed in Bosnia-Herzegovina since the UN military forces began escorting relief convoys here.



Relatives waving farewell on Tuesday to hundreds of evacuees leaving on buses from the Sarajevo railway station.

# Sarajevo Evacuation Finally Happens

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - A

second and final wave of civilians was evacuated from Sarajevo on Tuesday evening, but some of those listed for the long-delayed operation remained behind in the besieged

Uoder a full moon, the last evacuees, mainly pensioners, war-wounded or mothers with children, boarded three buses that had returned from an earlier shuttle to the nearby Serb-held district of Lukavica. One of the city officials who organized the

mated that only about 1,100 of the 1,265 people on the list had actually left.

"There could be a variety of reasons for those who didn't come," said the official. "I know of at least one who died, and there may have been others. Some are sick or wounded and too ill to travel. Under these circum-

By Michael R. Gordon

New York Times Service

Jay Pollard, the American convict-

ed of spying for Israel, has tried to

slip classified information into 14

of his letters from prison and

should not be granted leniency, De-

fense Secretary Les Aspin told the

In one of his final acts in office,

Mr. Aspin told President Bill Clin-

ton in a confidential letter last week

that Mr. Pollard should not be giv-

en leniency, as American Jewish

groups and the Israeli government have requested, because the Penta-

gon still considers him to be a secu-

rity risk and because of the sevenity

Officials in both the Justice De-

been discussing proposals to re-

duce the life sentence of Mr. Pol-

lard for espionage by releasing him

Mr. Clinton, who has broad dis-

cretion in clemency matters, has

on parole ahead of schedule.

White House.

of his offenses.

WASHINGTON - Jonathan

stances, there could be many personal reasons for not leaving."

Others may simply not have heard about the evacuation, planned for months but arranged at the last minute after repeated delays caused by fighting and haggling between Bosnian Serbs and Muslim officials.

"I don't care where I am going to as long as it is far away from this misery and madness," said Nazifa Husic, 50. "It could be China for all care

"You don't have to ask why I'm leaving," one Muslim woman said. "You can see I have two children. I am happy to be getting them out, but it's difficult to leave my husband behind in these circumstances."

The buses were originally due to shuttle 1.265 people to Lukavica, southwest of the Bosnian capital, where new convoys would take them to their destinations.

Aspin Opposes Leniency for Jailed Spy

of his letters from prison, is likely as a spy by the Israeli Defense to make it more difficult for the Ministry, said he provided infor-

tagon official said.

Mr. Pollard's lawyer, Theodore tration. There is some sympathy in

Mr. Aspin's Dec. 23 letter, which

asserted that Mr. Pollard has in-

cluded classified information in 14

The letters were monitored by

prison authorities, who presumably excised classified material that he

included from memory after years

Officials would not say what was

in the letters, to whom they were

addressed or why be would put

classified information in what he

But they said the spy was unre-

pentant liked to show off his re-

markable memory and was able to

access to when he was a civilian

intelligence analyst for the U.S.

"He's a walking library," a Pen-

knew would be monitored.

Navy in the mid-1980s.

White House to show leniency.

said he will soon decide what to do about the case.

B. Olson, said neither he nor Mr. the State Department for reducing his sentence because officials think

prison letters violated national se-

mation vital to Israel's military

Prosecutors said that the infor-

mation he passed along hurt U.S.

security and that he was paid near-

ly \$50,000 for it. The government

prepared a precise assessment of the damage he did, but that docu-

The issue of clemency for Mr.

Pollard has become a cause for

many Jewish groups, whose leaders argued that he has been treated too

harshly, considering that he was

They also said his sentence was

spying for a friendly government.

longer than sentences imposed on

some people who have spied for

enemies of the United States. The matter has provoked considerable debate within the adminis-

ment is classified.

people to Creatia's Adriatic port of Split. Organizers said about 30 percent of those going to Split would be Muslim, 30 percent would be Croatian, and the balance either Serbian or mixed.

The United Nations also planned two medical evacuations out of Sarajevo on Tuesday, with seven patients and eight of their relatives headed for Denmark. Eight patients and nine accompanying relatives were des-tined for the United States.

In the Sarajevo suburbs of Rajlovac and Stup, sporadic shelling continued, after fierce fighting on Monday in which 7 people were killed and 52 wounded.

A year-end truce, agreed to last week by Bosnia's warring Serbs, Croats and Muslims, was supposed to last until Jan. 15, but it has not been observed. (Resters, AP)

such action could help the govern-ment of Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rabin at a time when it is facing

criticism from the Israeli right for

its efforts to establish a settlement

Military and intelligence offi-

cials, on the other hand, have long

been opposed to any leniency for Mr. Poilard. Mr. Aspin's letter, which was made available by a

Pentagon official opposed to his

concern about a compromise sug-

gested by the Justice Department that would keep Mr. Pollard in

prison for now but reduce his sen-

The compromise would make

By 1995, he will have been in

him eligible for release sometime within the next seven years.

prison for 10 years and will be eligible for parole. But experts said parole guidelines would probably keep him there until 2015.

early release, begins by express

with Palestinians.

# TRAVEL UPDATE

WORLD BRIEFS

Islamic Group Behind Cairo Attack

CAIRO (AP) — A Muslim fundamentalist group has taken responsibility for an attack that wounded 16 people, including eight Austrian tourists, the daily Hayat reported Tuesday.

The Islamic Group said the attack Monday in Old Cairo was to avenge the execution of Muslim militants, the London-based newspaper said.

The report was made in a fax to Al Hayar's Cairo office. Egypt has hanged 29 Muslim extremists this year after they were convicted, mainly in military courts, for membership in omlawed groups, murder and

plotting against the state.

The Islamic Group and other militants have waged a violent campaign

for two years to try to overthrow Egypt's secular government and replace it with strict Islamic rule. More than 275 people have died, including

Slovakia Denies Plan for Radio Ban

BRATISI AVA, Slovakia (AFP) — Deputy Prime Minister Roman Kovac denied Tuesday that Slovakia intended to ban broadcasts by the

American station Radio Free Europe.

The Transport, Telecommunications and Public Works Ministry said Monday that the broadcasts would have to end by Jan. 31 because a

foreign state could not use Slovak transmitters to broadcast. Faced with a

wave of protest from Slovakian opposition parties and news media, Mr. Kovac said the decision had been announced without consultation.

Radio Free Europe, which is based in Munich and financed by the United States, signed a contract with Czechoslovakia in 1990, but the country split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia on Jan. 1. Mr. Kovac said he was sure the decision to stop the broadcasts "was technical and not political," and he praised the work the radio station had done to foster democracy in Eastern Europe.

Italian Leader Rules Out Election Bid

ROME (AP) - Prime Minister Carlo Ciampi insisted Tuesday that he

would not run in any future national elections, and said that the fate of

his eight-month-old government rested with lawmakers and the presi-

dent.

Parliament is expected next mouth to set a date for elections, which

2 Are Killed in Bombings in Lima

wounding more than 30, anthorities said.

LIMA (APP) - Three bombs exploded Tuesday at Peru's national police headquarters and in an air force building, killing 2 people and

In addition, an attempt to set off a car bomb outside the U.S. Embassy was feiled when the police opened fire on a minibus heading for the embassy's gate. The attackers fired back before fleeing, but no injuries

The police said the attacks were the work of the Shining Path guerrilla

GANSBAAL, South Africa (AP) - President F.W. de Klerk opened

his election campaign against the African National Congress on Tuesday, depicting the newly reformed National Party that he leads as the best

Mr. de Klerk was dogged by pro-ANC hecklers during a series of public appearances. Twenty people singing songs and chanting slogans such as "De Klerk's hands are covered in blood" drowned out the president as he tried to address about 100 supporters at his first stop, in

Mr. de Klerk moved to reform the National Party's apartheid policies

after taking office in 1989 and began negotiations with the ANC that resulted in the scheduling of the country's first multiracial elections for April 27, 1994. The African National Congress is expected to win that

election and make the National Party the main opposition force in the

SAO PAULO (AP) - A total of 34 people were murdered over the

Christmas weekend in South America's largest city, law-enforcement officials said Tuesday, and 1993 could turn out to be one of the most violent years in the Brazilian city's history

The São Paulo State Public Security Department said that 34 people

had been slain on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and that even more would probably be killed during New Year's Eve celebrations.

According to preliminary figures compiled by the department, 524 people were murdered in November in metropolitan São Paulo, a city of

more than 15 million. That toll was 28 percent higher than in November

34 Killed in São Paulo at Christmas

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organization, adding that the Maoist-inspired rebels were apparently belatedly marking Sunday's 100th anniversary of the birth of Mao

De Klerk Starts Election Campaign

choice for South Africans worned about their economic future.

Parliament is expected next month to set a date for elections, which could be held as early as March. President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro also could name a new prime minister to lead the government before elections, which are expected to sweep from power the scandal-battered centrist parties that have led Italy since World War II.

"I will never run for political office, just as I have never joined an election campaign," and Mr. Clampi, a former governor of the Bank of Italy, who was appointed in April as the first prime minister not linked to a political party.

militants killed by policemen.

### **Snow Snarls England and Scotland**

LONDON (Reuters) - A belt of snow across England and Scotland on Tuesday caused air and road chaos and a string of traffic accidents. Deep snow blanketed central Scotland, while ice and snow left the roads treacherous as far south as Kent, southeast of London.

Weathermen said the snowstorms heralded milder weather and pro dicted hlustery showers would turn the snow to shah in the coming days. Travelers found snow had closed Leeds airport in northern England. Snow reduced speeds for motorists on many long stretches of highway. The police described roads in West Yorkshire as "atrocious."

A cholera outbreak in San Salvador has killed three people and infected a since Sunday, health workers said Tuesday.

180 since Sunday, health workers said Tuesday.

(AP):

Yugoslava are to be taxed for trips abroad as of Friday, New Year's Eve, the Information Ministry of the rump government said Tuesday in Belgrade. Each person will have to pay 10 deutsche marks (about \$6), and cars registered in Serbia and Montenegro which cross the border will be

cars registered in Serona and Montemegro which cross the border with be taxed at 30 marks, Tanjug news agency reported.

(AFP)

Cyprus's 15,000 civil servants began a 24-hour strike over pay Tuesday, stopping all commercial flights in and out of the Mediterranean island. Lamaca airport had 34 cancellations and Paphos had six, an official said. Cyprus Airways canceled 13 flights, mostly from Athens, London and Dahad. Dubai. Hundreds of vacationers were stranded. (Reuters)
Floodwaters receded Tuesday north and east of Paris, but in the capital

the Seine continued to rise slowly, and at Rouen in western France it reached alarm levels. In Paris, most riverside expressways were under water. At Pontoise, north-west of Paris, a waterworks that provides drinking water for a third of Paris region stopped pumping from the Oise, which was polluted by sewers, septic tanks, fuel and garbage. (AFP)

# Beijing's Threats Fail to Dent Frenzy for Hong Kong Stocks

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune

partment and White House have recall in detail information he had

HONG KONG - Ignoring clear threats by China to change what it dislikes about British-ruled Hong Kone after reclaiming the colony in 1997, investors drove the local stock market to its highest-ever close oo Tuesday.

Monday that it would dishand Hong Kong's threetier system of government in response to British plans to broaden democracy in the colony. A Hong Kong government spokesman asserted

that Beijing's intentions breached a joint British-Chinese pledge to maintain stability and prosperity in the colooy, while local politicians said the move would interfere with elections still to be held under British rule.

"It's preity categorical," said Nick Moakes, an analyst with S. G. Warburg Securities, of Beijing's reaction to Britain's olans to push ahead alone with electoral reforms that have also been criticized by some local politicians for oot going far enough to bolster Hong Kong's democratic process.

"If Britain has indeed decided to press on with its plans and leave Beijing to pick up the pieces after 1997, it's not good for China and it's very bad for Hong Kong," said Mr. Moakes,

China's main outlet to international trade and investment markets. Their buying frenzy propelled the Hang Seng index to 11,570.20, a 4.8 percent gain on "It's come to the point that this is the worst state

Local news organizations reported widespread of Sino-British relations," Simon Lam. an analyst disquiet with an official statement from Beijing late with Mansion House Securities, told Reuters. We know what Britain and China will do, so the uncertainty is gone and people can concentrate on eco-Fueled largely by foreign funds seeking exposure

to China's fast-growing economy, the Hang Seng index has risen by 26 percent since the beginning of December and by 110 percent since the beginning of

The stunning gains in Hong Kong have been in step with advances in other Southeast Asian stock exchanges whose relatively smaller market capitalizations have hallooned with an influx of American and European funds looking for a share in the region's economic success.

December's hull run in Hong Kong has come despite a breakdown in long-running British-Chinese talks over reforms first proposed by the colony's governor, Chris Patten, in October 1993, and the specter of an end to cooperation between Lon-

Imprime pur Offprint, 73 rue de l'Evangile, 75018 Paris.

Overseas investors, however, appeared untroubled doo and Beijing on most Hong Kong transition by Beijing's boldest statement yet of its plans for matters.

Some analysts said China's response to Britain's unilateral electoral reforms might allow the two sides to resolve uncontroversial administrative issues currently stalled because of the dispute. But political commentators said Beijing's solution would ultimately hurt the colony.

Christine Loh, a member of the Legislative Council, which could be "reorganized" after July 1, 1997, said China's new stance was "intolerable" and "extremely unhelpful," for public confidence, according to Agence France-Presse.

Joseph Cheng, political science professor at Hong Kong's City Polytechnic, said China's position could be viewed as a warning for legislators to choose their affiliated political parties carefully and not support those which Beijing might deem "subversive" or "pro-British" the agency reported.

Although Beijing's threats to change Hong Kong's political system would out be carried out for at least three and a half years, some stock market analysts say they think the British-Chinese impasse might effect Hong Kong share prices as early as next

Mr. Lam of Mansion House Securities said that the risk of a correction was rising with higher prices.

and that any bad news, if it caught the marker's attention, could drive prices down sharply.

But Mr. Lam said he did not expect a correction until mid-January. At least one local Chinese language newspaper,

Wah Kiu Yat Po, said Beijing's response should prompt Mr. Patten to introduce a package of stronger electoral reform measures to the Legislative Council for its approval.

Legislators are now considering a package of reforms deemed the least controversial of Mr. Patten's proposals, They include lowering the voting age to 18, replacing appointed municipal administrators with elected officials and instituting a one-vote, one-seat format for the 20 seats in the 60-member legislature that are chosen by direct election.

In addition, the bill would allow 28 Hong Kong residents who are members of China's parliament, the National People's Congress, to run for elections and hold office in the Legislative Council.

Analysis predict, however, that any acceleration of enacing legislation on Mr. Patten's most controversial proposal, enlarging the colony's functional constituences - electorates organized along professional and trade group lines — would further anger China, which sees in Britain's plans a direct threat to its sovereignty.



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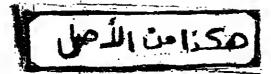
Despite Mr. Talbott's close rela-

tionship with Mr. Clinton, White House and State Department officials said Monday that it was the secretary of state, Mr. Christopher, not Mr. Clinton, who had chosen

For the moment, Mr. Christo-

pher intends to keep the current departmental structure, and he will

the nominee.



STATESIDE / A FRIEND GETS AHEAD

# Christopher Chooses Talbott as Deputy

By Elaine Sciolino
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Strobe Talbott, a longtime friend of President
Bill Clinton and a former journalist
who was catapulted into policymaking prominence as the Clinton
administration's top Russia strategist, was named to the second-highgist, was named to the second-high Mr. Talbott studied Russian at est position in the State Depart the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville,

ment on Tuesday.
Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, vacationing at his home in Santa Barbara, California, announced the appointment, calling Mr. Talbott 'the best person for the job."

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Mr. Talbott, 47, a former bureau chief and columnist for Time mag-azine, succeeds Chifton R. Wharton ir. who resigned his post as deputy secretary of state in early Novem-

er.
The administration forced Mr.

Wharton to leave the state department as part of its effort to end the relentless criticism of its foreign—

Months bureau chief before joining Mr. authority of the Bureau of European Affairs and close to Mr. Christopher's office.

As the administration's ambas-

policy performance.
"I relish the chance to broaden out a bit," Mr. Talbott said at a news conference at which his appointment was announced.

Connecticut, and Russian literature at Yale and Oxford universi-He established his credentials as

a Russia specialist at the age of 24 erson when, fresh from graduate school, he translated and edited the mem-oreau ours of Nikita S. Khrushchev, the late Soviet leader.

He joined Time magazine in 1977, becoming successively its diplomatic correspondent, White House correspondent, Eastern Europe correspondent and Washing-

As the administration's ambas- pher's office,

sador at large for the former Soviet Union, Mr. Talbott has become one of the closest confidants of Mr. Christopher.

In naming him as deputy, the secretary passed over several candidates with much more foreign-policy and diplomatic experience.

Mr. Taibott is a close friend of the president the president.

The two men shared a room in

1969 as Rhodes scholars at Oxford name James F. Collins, Mr. Tal-University, and when Mr. Clinton visited Washington as governor of Arkansas, he often stayed in Mr. Talbott's home. Talbott's home.

Mr. Talbott said Tuesday that he When Mr. Clinton assumed the would continue to oversee policy presidency, he and Mr. Christopher on Russia and would involve him-created a position—complete with its own bureaucracy—for Mr. Tal-bott that placed him outside the in the post-Cold War world.

# **Away From Politics**

• Tinker, an 11-year-old Turkish Angora cat, will live the rest of her days in feline luxury after inheriting an estate valued at about \$500,000. Anna Morgan of Seattle, who died May 22 at age 75, said in the will written shortly before her death that her goal was "primarily to provide for the care and welfare of my cat. Tinker, who is my best

friend and companion." • The U.S. Postal Service handled 3.9 billion pieces of mail during the holiday season. The mail total from the Friday after Thanksgiving until the day before Christmas was 3,933,882,000 items. according to a spokesman. The peak day was Dec. 20, with 281 million items. The seasonal mail total is up 3.7 percent from last year.

 Gunfire erupted in a shopping mall in Irving.
 Texas, a Dallas suburb, after two groups of young men got into an argument on an escalator, the police said. A bystander was killed and two teenagers were wounded.

 The scientific team that found a genetic pattern common among severe alcoholics in 1990 has found that same evidence in cocaine addicts, according to a report in the journal Drug and Alco-hol Dependence. The team was led by Dr. Kenneth Blum of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and Dr. Ernest Noble of the University of California at Los Angeles.

 A man hanged himself in his jail cell a week after he was sentenced to 84 years in prison for molest-ing his three daughters, a sheriff's spokesman in Santa Ana, California, said. Edward Cho, 54, of Fountain Valley was found dead, hanging by a bed sheet. He had been convicted in May of raping and molesting his daughters. At his sentencing, Mr. Cho's 20-year-old daughter accused him of driving her older sister to suicide last year at age 23.

 A fire raged through a borse farm in Manorville, New York, destroying 29 thoroughbreds valued at about \$2 million. Workers and the farm's owner rescued about six horses. By the time fire fighters arrived at the farm, on the eastern end of Long Island, the wooden structures housing the animals were engulfed in flames, said a volunteer fireman.
Vinnie Velettera. "There were horses all over the place dead," he said.

AP. Reuters, UPI

### U.S. Cold Wave Kills at Least 5

The Associated Press Cold weather in the United States was held responsible on Tuesday for at least five deaths in

the Midwest and the Northeast.

Mason City, lowa, reported a record low temperature of 21 degrees below zero Fahrenheit (minus 30 centigrade).

The coldest reading in Maine on Tuesday morning was 22 below zero Fahrenheit at Houlton: Cari-bou had a record low of 19 below

Tower, Minnesota, reached 38 below, almost mild compared with

Sunday's 50 below. Two people died from the cold in Indiana, one woman died in Baltimore, a 6-4-year-old homeless man was found frozen in Toledo, Ohio, and a man in New York City froze to death on a bench.

### \* POLITICAL SOILS \*

### Compensation Urged For Radiation Testing

WASHINGTON - As the extent of government radiation test-ing at the height of the Cold War emerged Tuesday, the head of the U.S. Energy Department said that the subjects of the experiments

should be compensated. In what is becoming a major scandal over U.S. involvement in the experiments in the 1940s and 1950s, authorities vowed to locate surviving subjects of the tests.

Energy Secretary Hazel R.

O'Leary told CNN that up to 800
people had been exposed to potentially harmful amounts of radiation, some apparently without their informed consent.

Mrs. O'Leary said she believed

some victims may be due govern-ment compensation. Her remarks came two days after the Boston Globe disclosed the latest example of such testing, research conducted in Massachusetts in which radioactive milk and cereal were fed to mentally retarded tecnagers.

In a 1950 memo, Joseph G. Hamilton, a leading radiation biologist who worked for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, warned that the radiation research had "a little of the Buchenwald touch," referring to the Nazi concentration camp where medical experiments were carried out on inmates.

Mr. Hamilton's memo was written to express his concern over pro-posed experiments aimed at discovcring the levels of radiation that would injure soldiers. (Reuters)

### Junketing Lawmakers Claim Military Planes

WASHINGTON -- Members of month holiday recess, straining the ry them on fact-finding trips.

At least two dozen trips by committees, delegations and individual this mouth and next to destinations Europe and the Mediterranean And that does not count travel by ional staff.

A White House team traveling to Moscow to prepare for a January summit meeting was forced to take a two-engine DC-9, a plane with limited range not normally used for overseas trips, because all larger aircraft were claimed by congres-

Tuesday by a judge who said that the indictments were too vague.

missed charges of official misconduct, tempering with evidence and tempering with government re-

### Clinton's Underwear: Modest Tax Write-Off?

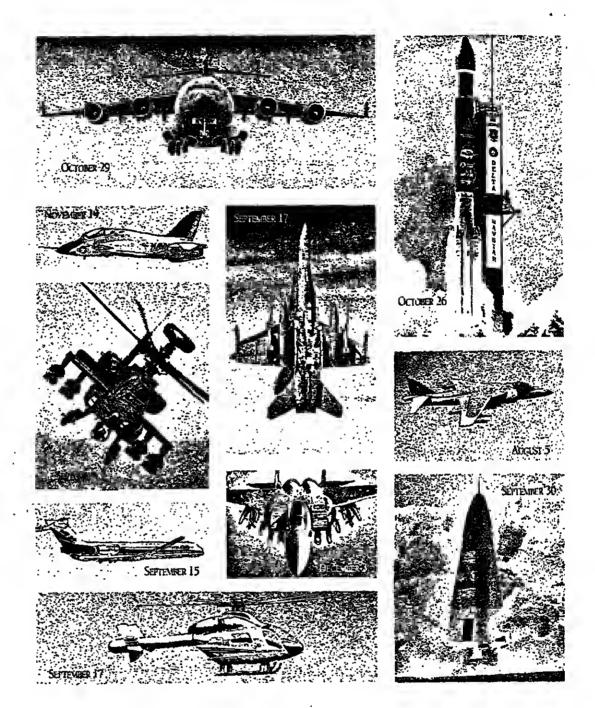
WASHINGTON - Underwo has appeared on lists of old clothto such groups as the Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries.

In claiming charitable tax deduc-tions, Bill Clinton has valued his underwear as high as \$2 a pair. A pair of long underwear donated in 1988 was valued at \$15.

Six dollars worth of underwear appears on a list of clothes donated to the Salvation Army in 1986, along with rapped pants valued at 575, six pairs of socks valued at \$9 and a brown sports coat valued at \$100. The value of all clothing do-

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# Coax North Korea Along

The Costs of Health Care

Just as diplomacy was coaxing North Korea into allowing nuclear inspections to resume, some U.S. intelligence agencies con-cluded that there was a "better than even" chance that the North already had two atomic bombs. State Department analysis are oot so sure. But there is only one way to find out: Persuade the North to open all its nuclear facilities to international inspections.

Inspections will reveal how much plutonium North Korea may have produced in its two nuclear reactors. Inspections can also discourage further bomb-making.

The latest U.S. assessment casis doubt on whether diplomacy alone can succeed. But the only way to know for sure is to try. And diplomacy poses no real danger of retaliation which cannot be said of more aggressive tactics, like attacking the North's bomb-making sites or imposing an economic blockade, If the new intelligence assessment is correct, and North Korea actually has a bomb or two,

Pyongyang's response could be disastrous. Some U.S. iotelligence agencies bad already concluded that North Korea might have extracted as much as 12 kilograms (26 pounds) of plutonium from its reactors - enough for two atomic bombs — before international inspections began and were suspended by the North last year. Now they say the North has probably fabricated two bombs. No new smoking gun led them to this conclusion, just a worst-case assessment of existing data.

The new assessment may arouse calls for a more aggressive response. But U.S. intelligence cannot pinpoint where the North may be storing its nuclear material. If it is hiding two bomhs, any military attack would be very risky. Economic sanctions cannot be ruled out.

Health care costs are suddenly rising less

rapidly than in the past decade. But be warned: Nobody really knows why this is

happening. No one can tell you whether it is a

new and more restrained trend, or merely a

blip in the familiar steeply accelerating curve.

the United States has gone up nearly 10 percent a year. The figures for 1993 will apparently be significantly lower. Does it

mean that the need for health insurance

One possible explanation is that many com-

panies in the health industry are moderating

their price increases while President Bill Clin-

ton's legislation moves through Congress.

That is the "keep your heads down until this goes away strategy. Nobody wants to invite special attention while restrictions and ceil-

But it is also obvious that the discussion of

reform is already having good and probably

lasting effects. Both patients and those who

care for them are making adjustments. As

they read and talk about health care, they

hegin to see ways they can hold down their

own expenses. Consumers become aware

that some plans cost less than others.

Washington Heights section of Manhattan and

get a 5100 gift certificate from the Toys "R" Us

chain, oo questions asked. That was the offer

made late last week by Fernando Matco, a New

York City businessman, at the suggestion of his

14-year-old soo. He expected five or six tak-

ers. He got more than 300, inspiring other

donors to put up more cash. The guns includ-

ed submachine guns and semiautomatics

Three hundred is only a dent in a city

estimated to have 2 million guns oo its streets.

hut every little hit helps. And it says something encouraging about human nature that

the desire to buy Christmas toys can compete

Mr. Matco's initiative should inspire other

philanthropists to create their own harter pro-

grams. And it should inspire governments,

including New York City's, to enhance exist-

ing gun amnesty programs, and to consider

tax hreaks to spur private efforts.

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along with more primitive models.

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In recent years spending oo health care in

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But it is not clear that they would persuade Pyongyang to allow inspectors into its nuclear reactors, reprocessing plant and waste sites. Successful sanctions would also require a tight emhargo, especially oo oil, backed by a naval blockade. But a hlockade, some argue, could provoke North Korea to start a regional war. That prospect might be enough to dissuade neighboring states from joining the embargo; and without their consent, the noose could never be drawn sufficiently tight.

For now, diplomacy is the preferred means of inducing the North to allow resumption of inspections and the best way to find out whether the new worst-case assessment is warranted. international Atomic Energy Agency inspec-tors could determine how long and at what power the North's reactors have been operating, which would indicate how much platonium they could bave produced. Inspections of two ouclear waste sites would also yield clues.

There is a further and compelling reason to resume regular inspections now: The North will soon be forced to sbut down a reactor at Yooghyon and replace its nuclear fuel rods. That would allow technicians to extract spent fuel and divert the plutonium in the fuel to the manufacture of atomic bombs.

Just last week, in what amounted to a diplomatic breakthrough. North Korea said it was willing in principle to allow full access to its reactor and reprocessing plant at Yongbyon. Given the right package of incentives, such as diplomane recognition, security assurances and economic ries, Pyongyang might be persuaded to open up much more — in effect trading away its nuclear program, just as South Africa and Belarus already have.

The debate bas given a lot of attention to

the enormous differences in the rates at which certain procedures are performed when one

city is compared with another. Those dispari-

ties are already encouraging doctors and hos-

pitals to reconsider some of their habits.

These anticipatory benefits of reform legisla-

tion are like the bow wave of a ship. They run well ahead of the legislation, but if it were not moving, there would be no wave.

What America needs is assurance that the

slowing of cost increases will not be merely

temporary but will continue. The wild run-up

in costs is, in any case, only one reason among

several for basic change in the health care

system. Another reason is the steady rise in the

number of Americans with no health insurance

at all. That number rose by 2 million last year

to 38.5 million. Of them, almost 10 million are

children. The proportion of working people who get insurance through their jobs is falling

The rise in health costs may have abated

temporarily, but the number of people who

have no access to health insurance and no

reliable access to the care it provides contin-

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

as employers drop coverage.

ues to iocrease rapidly.

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1993: The Killing Fields

PRYDEN. New Hampshire — The sinister machinations of the Russian "mafia" was a hot topic in Moscow just before the parliamentary elections.

Exactly what the word "mafia" means in Russia is not clear, but those who use the word seem to have in mind the brash entrepreneurs, slick wheeler-dealers and aggressive businessmen who have emerged to take advantage of the hesitant movement toward a free enterprise economy.

The so-called mafia supplies and operates the many sidewalk kiosks and open-air markets that have mush-roomed all over Moscow. "Malia" members have opened bistros, cafes and restaurants, often for hard currency, and have started joint ventures that sell diapers, computer software - you name it. At higher levels, they deal in

vouchers, shares, currency, real estate and, at the top, in raw materials, armaments, oil and natural gas.

They throng expensive Westernstyle hotels, whoop it up in easinos and nightclubs and jet in and out of Sheremetyevo Airport

The charges against them, which I heard while visiting the city just be-fore the Dec. 12 elections, are that they offer and take enormous bribes, run protection rackets, impose monopolies, provoke artificial shortages and distort the market in order to make profits out of all proportion to

the costs they incur.
People think that the police and security forces as well as local and even government officials are being paid off so that the mafia can operate

outside the law.

The mafia, it is said, is overwhelmingly responsible for a steep rise in violent crime. Mafia moguls are proof, even Boris Yeltsin's supporters are beginning to say, that the policies of privatization and market deregula-tion are not working. This view, in-creasingly shared by the West, was endorsed by the ultranationalist Viadimir Zhirinovsky and the large number of Russians who voted for him and his Liberal Democratic Party, He had called for martial-law-style courts to deliver fast justice to malia gangsters. It is true that business conditions are primitive and chaotic, that a crim-

inal class of sorts has come into exis-

tence and is causing damage. There are staggering excesses in corruption and profitteering that would not be tolerated in a democratic society, and there is a real danger that the nomenklatura — the ruling class — in-stead of fighting the mafia, will join

hands with it or simply take over. If it does, today's chaos will resem-ble a golden age of liberalism when compared with what follows. However, that situation has out arrived yet, and may never arrive so long as Mr. Zhirinovsky's success in

the election does not panie the gov-ernment into embracing his policies. To brand all business and entrepreneurship as virtually criminal and to characterize everyone who buys, sells and trades as members of some murky underworld is self-defeating. Such simplistic prejudice ignores the very real achievements of entre-

preneurs in filling empty stores with food, clothing and consumer goods that had completely disappeared during perestroiks and in creating flourng outdoor markets where fresh Innt and vegetables are readily avail-able for the first time in decades. While prices are often unreason-

ably high, beyond the reach of the average consumer, this is as much the fault of absurdly low wages as of the activities of the new entrepreneurs.

Corruption, bube-taking and dis-dain for the law are not limited to business people, of course, but were

— and are — endemic to Russian
society as a whole. Today's corruption seems to be characteristic of a period of profound change and up-beaval, when Russian society is in the stage of (to paraphrase Mark) the rimitive accumulation of capital. Evidently, even Mr. Zhirinovsky is

not averse to easy money: Reporters were told at his headquarters that he was charging \$100 for three minutes of interview time. But the case with which so many

problems are attributed to the maria needs to be examined. Among the loudest in their denunciations are the intellectuals. Their squeamishness happens to coincide with the decline or collapse of pub-lishing houses, journals, theaters and

agents just for the textile and apparel industries. Mr. Darden said he was

'very impressed by the White House's

Representative Eddie Bernice John-

under a president who

had promised to stop

corners and cut deals."

son, a first-term Democrat from Tex-

as. The Journal of Commerce hroke

the story that Ms. Johnson agreed to

support NAFTA after an unnamed

administration of ficial promised that

the Pentagon would purchase two ad-

ditional C-17 cargo planes — at a cost of \$1.4 billion — from the Yought Aircraft factory in her south

Dallas district. The controversial military transport plane has a history of

technical failures. Ms. Johoson

claims she was misquoted. Her deci-

sioo to support NAFTA, she says,

was based on the "broad needs" of

of the NAFTA price tag vary: Public Citizen includes this alleged 51.4 bil-lion deal in its \$4.4 billion estimate.

Another reason: The ultimate costs

of the special interest tariff deals be-

fore the NAFTA vote are difficult to

gauge. For example, a special "snap-back" tariff mechanism was agreed to

That is one reason why estimates

her constituents.

By Michael Scammell

artists' clubs and the impoverishment of academic institutes, as state subsi-

dies are reduced or withdrawn.
Since many of my friends belong to
this class, I sympathize with their
personal predicaments. But it must
be said that intellectuals had led an amazingly easy existence compared with their Western counterparts. Their present dismay has as much to do with the loss of privilege as with the maintenance of principle. Even more hostile than the intel-

lectuals are former members of the Communist Party hierarchy and con-tinuing members of the still powerful nomenklatura, who began blaming the mafia for their problems while President Mikhail Gorbachev was in power. The real reason for their hostility is evident: To the extent that a market economy and capitalist free enterprise are established, their power will slip away.

Of course, these up-and-coming capitalists are a threat not only to the holdovers of the old Soviet nomenklatura but to the Yeltsin elite. . It was to placate this influential

October, Mr. Yeltsin gave the police carte blanche to round up and expel thousands of "suspicious looking" (dark-skinned) and nonregistered visitors, on the unexamined assump

tion that they belonged to the mafia. The Moscow mayor, Yuri Luzhkov, issued his own ordinance requiring all remaining visitors from the Russian provinces and the former republics of the Soviet Union to register with the police and pay a daily levy of 10 per-cent of the minimum wage or face immediate arrest and expulsion.

The desire to find easily identifi-

able scapegoats is real and growing. Racism, xenophobia and antimitism as well as the entrenched hostility to private enterprise have all combined to generate this hatred and fear of the mafia.

Psychologically and socially, this anger represents a danger at least equal to, if not greater than, the depredations of organized crime itself.

The writer is professor of Russian literature at Cornell University, He contributed this comment to The New

# A Growing Criminal Alliance

D RESIDENT Bill Chinton's new FBI director, Louis Freeh, has warned that the Cold War may be over but that Russia still poses a threat to American security interests. Indeed, the lack of centralized control in Russia has allowed criminal groups to flourish there, often combining their efforts with those of the international Mafia.

Mr. Freeh said that, on a recent trip to Italy, he discovered that senior members of the government also were alarmed about Russian organized crime. The authorities there have documented connections between Russian organized crime groups and the Mafia, Mr. Freeh said, and Rome views the Russian gangsters as "a very new and direct threat."

Italian and U.S. officials are not alone in worrying about the implications of this new criminal alliance. Mr. Freeh said the Germans also were "terrified" of these Russian gangs, which he called "complex organizations with criminal connections, not just with Italian organized crime, but with the American Cosa Nostra and other groups around the world." He

stressed: "They're becoming a formidable threat."

The danger posed by Russian gaugsters has already reached U.S. soil. Last April, three Russians were put on trial alongside their associates—three members of the U.S. Mafia—in New York's Southern District. It turned out that the Russians had worked with Mafia groups based in Sicily to import large amounts of heroin into the United States. The FBI director noted that the arrival of Russian gangs was directly related to much of the drug-related violence in urban America.

- Lally Weymouth in The Washington Post.

# NAFTA: A Victory for Deal-Makers, Not Democracy

By Charles Lewis

# - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

The toys-for-guns swap was not Mr. Mateo's first foray into crime prevention. Two years ago, he established a job training and place-Waging War on Land Mines ment effort for drug-free prison inmates. Nor was it New York City's first attempt to huy Land mines are not thought of as weapons of mass destruction, hut 100 million of these hack weapons. A 20-month-old police program devices scattered around the globe will do a has netted thousands of guns citywide, though massive amount of destruction before all are

only 54 in the 34th Precinct. Mr. Mateo's effort pulled in 310 in just three days. On the strength of fresh donations, the gift certificate program has been broadened and extended to Jan. 6. No-questions-asked programs are vulnerahle to abuse. Perhaps some of the guns turned in had been used in crimes. Perbaps some of the gift certificates or toys were themselves swapped for something less innocent. Those

who responded to the offer were probably not the city's most hardened criminals. But more than 300 guns that could have killed people have been removed from circulation. As one man who turned in a 9mm pistol explained. "Having that in my home, anything could happen." With only slight hyperbole, the Police Department declared: "We're willing to

Turn in a gun to the 34th Precinct in the do anything to get guns off the streets." Buyback and amnesty programs have succeeded in other cities. In Oakland, California, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, the lure was tickets to sports events and concerts. Some programs hypass police stations and let owners deposit weapons at churches. The Reverend Jesse Jackson, campaigning to disarm inner-city teenagers, sees buybacks as one useful approach - "ban 'em, burn 'em and buy 'em." he exhorts. What all these efforts have in common is the understanding that gun owners can be appealed to as well as prosecuted.

At last. Americans have come to see the vast private arsenal of deadly weapons as a critical national problem. There are now more than 200 million guns in the United States, the vast majority in private hands. Any trade-in program that helps reduce that number, even marginally, is worth encouraging.

detonated or cleared. Removing mines is a

gargantuan task, hut halting the planting of

new mines is an equally important one. Con-

gress has voted to extend a one-year moratori-

um oo U.S. mine exports to three years, and

on Dec. 7 the Clinton administration wrote to

40 mine-exporting countries asking them to join the moratorium. Also this mooth, the UN

General Assembly passed a nonbinding reso-

lutioo calliog for a global moratorium.

Whether China, Italy, the former Soviet re-

publics and other mine exporters will respect

the moratorium is uncertain, hus Congress

and the Clintoo administration are to be ap-

- Los Angeles Times.

planded for quietly taking a first step.

WASHINGTON — The orgy of deal-making that preceded the U.S. House of Representatives vote on NAFTA illustrated just how little the mercenary culture of Washington has changed since the arrival of a Democratic administration. Other Comment Estimates of the total cost of the

deals around NAFTA vary widely. Gary Hulbauer, a trade expert who has written favorably about NAFTA. said that the last-minute deals cost "tens of millions of dollars," Public Citizen, the consumer organization founded by Ralph Nader, estimates that the deals cost at least \$4.4 billion. The Nation magazine, which has been critical of NAFTA, says that the total cost of the eleventh hour wheeling-and-dealing might reach \$50 billion. Hyperbole aside, the quantifiable

cost to the American taxpayer of the deals around the North American Free Trace Agreement will be at least \$300 million. U.S. consumers will also pay higher prices on a wide variety of goods because of special interest tariff agreements reached during the NAFTA bazaar. Representative Dick Zimmer, a New Jersey Republi-can who voted for NAFTA, is disgusted about the "presidential give-aways," and be plans to introduce legislation oext month to repeal the various NAFTA deals, arguing that "such sordid behavior debases the

legislative process." But good luck trying to figure out what deals were made. Many of the particulars of what transpired have disappeared like steam into the air. But the details of numerous deals have been documented and coofirmed. They illustrate the financial

forces that shaped Congress's voting The biggest single taxpayer outlay was snared by Representative Esteban Torres, Democrat of California. Concerned about NAFTA support among Hispanic members of Coogress, the White House wrote a U.S .-Mexico Executive Agreement to create a binanooal North American Development Bank. The cost will be at least \$250 million. Mr. Torres, a former United Auto Workers union official, voted for NAFTA after re-

ceiving this expensive concession.

Two undecided Georgia Democrats extracted \$15 million from the administration. Representatives Nathan Deal and George Darden decided to with Mexico to protect Florida citrus vote for NAFTA when the White growers If U.S. orange juice concen-

House agreed to hire 136 new customs trate prices fall to certain levels, agents just for the textile and apparel a tariff is imposed on Mexican oranges; American consumers will be denied the benefits of lower prices.

responsiveness to the textile industry."
To secure votes in the Texas delegation, the administration promised Similar executive tariff agreements were made on sugar and syrup goods, wine and hrandy, flat glass, home appliances and bedding components. to speed up the building of the Center for the Study of Western Hemispher-ic Trade somewhere in Texas. Cost: The more candid members of Cougress acknowleged that their votes \$10 million. The administration also were being bought. Tom Lewis, a Florida Republican, who supported the pact after the Clinton administracommitted 533 million to vegetable interests in Florida to complete an sericultural research station. tion agreed to raise tariffs temporar-One of the most amusing illustraily on imported tomatoes from Mexi-co, told The New York Times, "I look with disdain on the way this whole thing has been done... It almost tions of how difficult it is to arrive at the true cost of NAFTA involves

looks like you're selling your soul."

A week before the vote Represent The White House spent tarive Bill Brewster, Democrat of Oklahoma, was undecided about NAFTA. He had two personal meetperhaps \$300 million to ings with the president. He let it be secure approval; and this known that he would not support NAFTA without specific concessions for his constituents. In the end, as The Washington Times reported, the White House agreed to help cattle ranchers and peanut growers in his rewarding those who 'cut district. Mr. Brewster said: "I know

> sure we got it in writing." After the NAFTA vote, Bill Clinton was compared to Lyndon John-son, for his aggressive, unabashed use political power in dealing with Congress. The comparison implies that pork-barrel politics, while unfortunate and unseemly, is necessary

how this place operates ... I made

Perhaps. But Mr. Johnson never led a domestic lobbying campaign as lop-sided as Mr. Clinton's NAFTA effort. Forget the testimonials elicited from Nobel laureau economists, the former secretaries of state, the former presidents, Lee Iscocca and Bill Gates. Consider the Clinton persuasion tactics in the larger context of the NAFTA lobbying effort. Ross Perot, labor unions and other

NAFTA opponents spent less than \$10 million, according to the Wall Street Journal Mexican government and business interests, by contrast, retained scores of lobbying public relations and law firms in Washington at the cost of \$30 million. And the leading pro-NAFTA lob-bying group, USANAFTA, and indi-

tories in Mexico spent \$10 million to promote the pact. Add the \$300 million that the Clinton administration committed to help NAFTA's pas-sage, and it seems likely that proponents of the accord outspent their

opposition by more than 30-1.
In accepting the Democratic presidential nomination in July 1992, Bill Clinton had declared his antipathy for special-interest wheeling and dealing. "For too long, those who play by the rules and keep the faith have gotten the shaft," he said. "And those who cut corners and cut deals have been rewarded."

On NAFTA, those who cut deals were the ones who reaped the biggest rewards. And those who kept the faith that Mr. Clinton might change the way politics is done in Washin ton were the ones who got the shaft.

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the occupation would reduce the level of strife immediately. If we are to turn a page in history, we need to forgive, if not forget.

Mr. Arafat will need more courage

There are highly capable, competent and efficient minds among the Palestinian people, both within and outside the PLO, who can propel this horrific conflict out of the darkness and into the light of the future.

# IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

LONDON -According to the Westminster Gazette, the German Emper-or is said to be trying his best to become the possessor of an enormous diamond now lying in the innermost recesses of the Bank of England, and late of the Cape diamond fields. This gem is reported to weigh 971 carats. It appears that the jewelers of the German capital are constructing a

1893: A Diamond Fight?

new crown for the Kaiser, and His Imperial Majesty has an idea that this particular gem will add histre to the diadem. He is not the only bidder in the market, and the diamond may yet remain within these shores.

1918: Wilson Abroad

LONDON - President Wilson, at the Mansion House this afternoon [Dec. 28] said, in a brief speech: "I have been very much interested before coming here to see what sort of a person I was expected to be. So far as I make out, I was expected to be a

perfectly bloodless thinking machine, whereas I am perfectly aware that I have in me all the insurgent elements of the human race. I am sometimes, by reason of long Scotch tradition, able to keep those instincts in restraint. It is not only diligently to pursue business, but also to seek commadeship that I feel it is a privilege to have come across the sea."

1943: New Guinea Battle

ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-QUARTERS, NEW GUINEA —
[From our New York edition:] General Douglas MacArthur's communique said today [Dec. 29], that the stiffening enemy position in the Cape Gloucester area at the northwest are Gloucester area, at the northwest tip of New Britain, and repeated attacks against the Americans at Arawe on the southwest coast indicated that the fight for possession of the western end of this island, which is so vital to Japanese defence, may yet turn into bitter jungle fighting. American casu-alties so far have been light.

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The Courage To Build And Reform

By Akram A. Baker

HAMBURG — The agreement signed Sept. 13 between Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel signaled the beginning of a new era between two peoples, two dire enemies. Much has been said and written about whether the agreement will succeed or whether it will collapse like a house of cards in a strong wind. Looking at the recent violence, it would appear yet again that any attempt at peacemaking in the volatile Middle East is

destined to fail.

But I do not believe that the level of violence in the occupied territories is the true barometer of success or failure. What we must be looking for is what the Palestinians themselves are doing to build their state.

In itself, the declaration of princi-

ple signed in Washington is neither liberation, as some would argue, nor sellout, as the opposition (both Paiestinian and Israeli) would have us believe. What it is depends on what the Palestinian people and leader-

ship make of it.

If the Palestmian national movement, as embodied by the Palestine Liberation Organization, is able to transform itself from a öberation movement into an efficient representative government, it will bring salva-tion. If not, it will lead to disaster.

The Palestinian people have suf-fered and sacrificed too much to settle for a flag, a passport and a soccer team. What they need and deserve is a state that will protect their legitimate political, civil, hu-man and social rights; a state based on equality, pluralism, the rule of law and secularism.

What should be done to achieve this goal? There are some basic steps which should be taken regardless of where the negotiating process hap-pens to stand at the moment.

First, Palestinian national institutions - for education, health care and national insurance, to name a few — must be established and de-veloped. Corrupt and unwieldy institutions and organizations (which are rampant in the occupied territories and in the Palestinian diaspora) must be reformed or shut down.

The PLO itself is in great need

of serious reforms. Political cadres, civil servants and pureanciats must be trained. The se-

curity forces must have the respect for human rights drilled into them. An important question is where our future police cadets are to be trained. I do not believe that Israel or the Arab states should instruct our police. A better alternative would be the European countries, and especially Semdinavian nations. Second, economic planning must move out of first gear (where we are now) and onto practical issues. Re-

gardless of what economic system we ultimately choose, some things ending the self-destructive and selfdefeating commercial strikes. The local economy needs to be nurtured, not burdened. A national economy, encompassing all sectors and walks of life, should be built from the bottom up, on solid foundations. Small industries, foreign investment, an open market, and self-reliance should be the buzzwords of today. Corruption needs to be ruthlessly uprooted. Independent monitors and auditors should be brought in to oversce all spending. This is necessary if we are to regain the people's confidence in the financial policies of their leaders.

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All of this does not excuse the Israelis of their responsibilities either. There must be no hunting of "wanted" Palestinians by the Israeli military. We need more goodwill and fewer funerals. A full pardon of all people convicted of crimes or acts of political violence committed during

to reform the Palestinian national movement, and himself, than he showed in offering his hand to his Israeli enemy that fine autumn day in Washington. But I feel optimistic.

The writer, a former adviser to Faisal Husseini, who headed the Palestin-ian peace talks delegation, is currently studying in Hamburg. He contributed this Comment to the International

### O P I N I O N

# Let Each American Begin A National War on Crime

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — By legislation, court decisions and national consensus, all Americans have the right to attend public schools, restaurants and theaters, to use public parks and beaches, to shop at any store, bank at any bank, work, worship and vote, all without being stopped at any door or gate because of race, color, religion, sex, age or economic condition.

Now all the country needs is the legislation, court decisions and consensus that will allow Americans to use the streets, roads and transit to get where they want to go to enjoy all those guaranteed rights, and then get home again without being shot, knifed, mugged and robbed or barassed and hustled to the point where they wish they had never left the house in the first place. Put together, legislation, court decisions and national consensus about

people's rights and the protection needed to exercise them add up to public safety. Call it law and order. Remove any one of the three ingredients and law and order collapse, and the rights become a mockery of American dreams and of the democratic ide-

alism underlying them all. Law and order: Somehow, many Americans who know that democracy is the only society under which they wish to live have decided that the phrase carries connotations of authoritarianism. They stopped using it. That was a dreadful intellectual and political mis-

take. Law and order are far more important to democracy than to tyranny. Dictatorships rule neither by legislation, judicial decision nor consensus but by fiat and fist. They withdraw public safety — the protection by po-lice and society — from all of their citizens who dissent from them, or whom they select to be victims and

ln a democracy, the ingredients of law and order have to be carefully put together, and that takes time and debate. Law and order are not contrary to democracy, but are its protection, the barrier against the social collapse that leads to despotism.

America was never a paradise of law and order for all its people. Racial discrimination against blacks was decreed by legislation and sanctified by courts. And for most of American his tory, the national consensus against discrimination did not exist.

But now that racial discrimination is outlawed, the crime and violence of America still prevent blacks from benefiting from law and order.

The vulture of crime does not discriminate; it roosts on black and white and shades between.

The politicians, the clergy, the press, the president — all of them moan but not one comes up with a coherent intellectual or political plan to deal with crime and violence. Most likely, there never will be one.



representatives, can do something that may be more useful. They can decide that they will give up some of their cherished political positions and accept one or two they do not like at all. People like me, who believe in separa-

tion of church and state, can decide to be a little less strict. Black churches do some of the best work against crime but do not have enough money. They should get it from public funds.

Gun-control advocates can stop thinking of all people who like guns as for released prisoners is the only way to

But Americans, individually or in their enemies. Around the country are pro-organizations or through their elected gun people who are moving away from gun people who are moving away from absolutism. Wal-Mart's ending of its instore sales of handguns can lead to an-

other chain's dropping sales altogether.
Liberals can accept the reality that
although sentences may be long, time
served in jail can be startlingly short. How about no parole at all, for anybody convicted of crimes of violence? How about making carrying a gun during a crime equivalent to intent to murder?

Conservatives can decide that paying tax dollars to treat addicts or find jobs

break the cycle of crime-prison-crime. TV writers and producers can decide that refusing to take part in deliberately peddling violence is not against the First Amendment to the constitution. If they want to show a killing or shooting, for God's sake, show the wounded person bleeding vomiting, screaming and losing control of his bowels.

Americans can all do what each of them legally can to restore democratic law and order or they can stand pat and know they may die on their streets. I do not know of any other choice.

The New York Times.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Walk the Road With China

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Regarding "Clinton's Good Intentions Won't Get Us Through "94" (Opinion, Dec. 27) by Charles Krauthammer:

While there is every reason to criticize the Clinton administration's foreign policy, one must not forget that the Somalia-Haiti-Bosnia triangle was part of the inheritance from the Bush administration. This does not excuse what President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher did or did not do, but it is a useful reminder.

As for 1994 and possible foreign poli-cy challenges for the Clinton adminis-tration, Mr. Krauthammer correctly mentions Russia and North Korea, but I would like to add China.

The recent events in Russia have been a surprise to everybody, and Mr. Clinton should not feel too proud to consult London, Paris and Bonn for a well coordinated response. North Korea's threat to develop a nuclear arms capability is not new, one would hope that contin-

gency plans have been prepared.

The problem of China, however, has been around for a long time. No admin-

istration can claim that it has been surprised by China's tortured and confused emergence as the real superpower in the Eastern Hemisphere. For the Clinton administration "to get out of the way" of such 1994 foreign policy hot spots as Russia, North Korea and China will simply oot do.

KARL H, PAGAC,

### The 'Near Abroad' Watches

In response to "Why to Worry About Russia's Elections" (Opinion, Dec. 7): As a citizen of Kazakhstan, which is in Russia's "near abroad," I know that if reactionary leaders ever came to power in Russia, my republic would likely lose its independence. Even with the advent of a democratic parliament. Russian dreams of a "Greater Russia" would not simply die. It will take time to change such thinking, to convince the Russian people that the oew Russia need not be an empire.

AZAMAT SARSEMBAEV.

### Social Nets and Reform

Regarding "Can Rewards Be Punishing?" (International Manager, Dec. 9): Now that social benefits and other vanishing symptoms of human decency are known to be part of our problems instead of part of their solotion, all supporting evidence that the masses labor more efficiently when lacking incentives to do so is welcome. This rediscovery of 30-year-old graduate student work clearly needs immediate confirmation — perhaps by showing that investors prefer stocks offering zero interest and no capital gain?

C.R.B. JOYCE Allschwil, Switzerland.

Regarding "Pensioners to the Rescue" (Letters, Dec. 21) from Charles Bodwell: Over a period of 40 years, I assisted in the raising and educating of eight children. They have since gone their own ways, with varying degrees of success. Some I must still help, but others are making it on their own. As a retiree, I resent Mr. Bodwell's implication that I am receiving more than I deserve.

As a resident of Belgium since 1967, one of the pensions I receive is from the government and totals just 231 francs (\$6.50) each quarter. Now, in my case, I agree that I could afford to give up this completely; but legally, I carned it, and

any laws passed now would be ex post facto and have oo legality.

Mr. Bodwell says "many" pensioners have too much. Just where does be get his figures, and who are those with too much? How do you write a law that applies only to those with too much?

AL SIMONS. Renaix, Belgium.

Regarding "Welfare Becomes Harm When the State Exaggerates" (Dec. 13): Is life "better" in the United States or in Sweden? Robert Samuelson's analysis might lead one to answer America. But trips through the two countries would reveal greater poverty and much more social "harm" in the United States, Further, one can say fairly objectively that a larger part of society lived materially well in Sweden than in the United States over the last two decades. What, then, is Mr.

Samuelson's point? That Sweden, which inexplicably defied his logic for so long. will get its comeuppance? Maybe, but don't count Sweden out yet.

CHRISTOPHER HOUSTON.

Regarding "Wisconsin Quits Federal Welfare System for State Plan" (Dec. 15): I continue to be fascinated by statisties that seem to be aimlessly tossed about. This report says that Wisconsin is one of the few states were caseloads have actually declined in recent years, falling off 10 percent since 1988." What happened to the 10 percent? Did they reenter the work force? Move to another state, and perhaps become statistics there? Check out because of old age? Or bas there been a turnaround that other states and the oatioo as a whole should look at and perhaps emulate?
Still, hats off to Wisconsin, and I do

wish its people success in solving the welfare problem. Next, they should take on Social Security and pension plans. JOHN JUHASZ.

# Materialism, Like It or Not, Is the 30,000-Item Answer

By Richard Harwood

New York Times once put it inspires mixed feelings among the people. That is especially true this time of year. The season demands that Americans shop till they drop, and they do. The mails are overrur. Billions change hands. Every

household becomes a miniature bazaar. The success of the season is judged by what people buy and sell, what they give and get. The newspapers announce with heartfelt enthusiasm: "Retailers Chalk Up Record Gains!"

To some intellectuals, the vulgarity of it all is distasteful, an attitude obviously

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easier to sustain in the warm and wellfed precincts of American society than in the Anacostias and ruined coal towns of the land. But anti-materialists have been with us for a long time.

Their objections to the consumption addiction come in several varieties. which the historian-sociologist Michael

Schudson has discussed in an essay. There is a puritanical school that laments the emphasis on materialism because it comes at the expense of one's spiritual lives: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Or: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal. Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." One

antidote is the vow of poverty.

Another strain is the Quaker critique, which is "less concerned with how people feel about goods than with objectionable features of the products themselves, their wastefulness or extravagance." Mr. Schudson adds: "The fashion industry in its various forms is a regular target of such criticism, as it was for the Quakers themselves in their adherence to plain dress."

There is an "aristocratic objection to consumer society that is primarily aes-thetic ... an attack on ugliness in defense of Culture." It is all right to value material objects so long as they are scarce, beautiful, hand-crafted and, generally, ont of reach of the masses. It is an attitude that disdains assembly lines and mass productioo because "mass-produced goods are ugly."

There is also a Marxist critique that

recognizes certain benefits in a consum-er society, but coodemns it conetheless because it "rests on the exploitation of workers under the capitalist system of production" and serves as "an opiate of the people, submerging dissatisfaction with life in the exploitative workplace." We do oot know how Marx would respond to America's consumer society

today. But Mr. Schudson was struck by

President Boris Yeltsin's reaction to his visit to the United States in 1989. When

WASHINGTON—The "delectable he returned home he told a crowd how materialism" of America. as The impressed he had been with the abundance of America: "Their supermarkets have 30,000 food items. You can't imagine it. It makes the people feel secure."

Mr. Yeltsin's comments, Mr. Schudson

says, "reveal something more," namely: Abundance and choice ... provide a feeling of security, social and even spiritual comfort. This celebratory attitude toward American materialism is far from the skepticism shared by homegrown American journalists and intellectuals."

American journalists and intellectuals."
It is very interesting, as the little Texan with big ears would say, that journalists and intellectuals who are among the major beneficiaries of the consumer society should be soured on it.

The intellectual freedoms Americans

enjoy were made possible by the democratic marketplace, advertising industry and all. The entire economy is driven by consumerism, rising and falling accord-ing to the rate at which the cash registers ring and the assembly lines move and the degree to which citizens' desires and needs are unfulfilled.

On the role of advertising as with consumerism itself. Mr. Schudson is ambivalent: "Advertising at times seems to be materialism at its worst, the sizzle without the steak, the idolatry of goods divorced from the utility and enjoyment goods provide, but even this is too simple a view. It recognizes nei-ther the aesthetic appeal of some adver-tising that touches us nor the plain wrapping, anti-magical character of most advertising. The most common advertising is, in a sense, Quaker itself—it points to price and so helps keep in mind economy as a chief criterion in buying. Or it is Puritan — recommending a product not because it provides moral or social or theological salvation but because it serves certain banal purposes well. It cleans your sink. It gets you to New York io time for your

busioess meeting."

It also undergirds the nation's media system. It subsidizes the 25-cent morning newspaper, the popular magazine, the "free" television and radio programming. It is, in short, the life-support

system for the mass media.

It does not, as Mr. Schudson notes,
"focus on the needs of public life," and "it often takes a stance toward the public life that may not be healthy." Like the air everyone breathes, it may

not be pure and it may not be pretty. But it is oevertheless essential to life in America as most Americans know it. The Washington Post,

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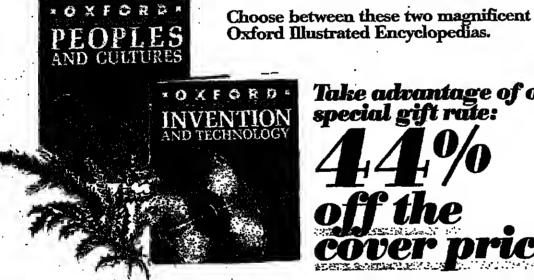
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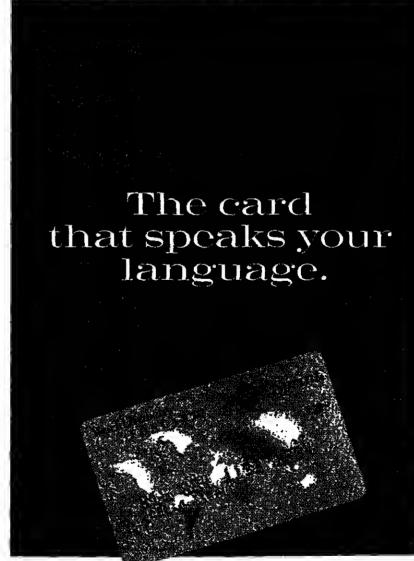
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By Craig R. Whitney

New York Times Service

STRASBOURG, France — For many Germans. the specter of rightist extremism that haunts their country is personified by Franz Schönhuher, 69, a former Walfen SS volunteer who heads the 23,000 members of the Republican Party.

Mr. Schönhuber has held public office since voters in his hometown of Munich elected him a member of the European Parliament in Strasbourg four years ago. He hopes - and many mainstream political leaders fear — that national elections in October will propel his party into the Federal Assembly, or Bundestag, in

### Book Seized Over Swastika

Agence France-Presse

HAMBURG — German policemen have seized 26 copies of the novel "Fatherland" by the British author Robert Harris for displaying the Nazi swastika on its cover page, court sources said Tuesday. The books, in English, were seized on Dec. 10 after a complaint by a passer-by, according to the Ham-

hurg prosecutor, Ruediger Bagger.

Both the bookshop and the importer, said to bave distributed some 2,000 English-language copies of

the book, are under investigation. Mr. Bagger said the banned Nazi symbol aimed to increase sales, whereas such symbols can be shown in public only for information or documentation purposes. The book is sold with its swastika cover in both Britain and the United States.

Mr. Harris's book describes a fictional Europe in 1964 if Hitler bad won World War II.

Seoul Doubts Word

American officials who fear that North Korea is close to building a nuclear bomb have called for Unit-

ed Nations sanctions against it if

negotiations fail in secure inspec-

tions of all nuclear sites.

Mr. Hata did not specify wheth-

er be was ruling out unilateral sanc-

tions or whether Japan would also

refuse to join any UN-ordered em-

bargo against North Korea. He acknowledged that he bad

nconclusive evidence suggesting

that some Korean residents in Ja-

pan were supplying the North Ko-

rean government with as much as 200 billion yen (\$1.81 billion) a

Cabinet Intelligence Bureau about

this, and I have been told that fig-

ure," Mr. Hata said. "But this is not

him that some of these Koreans

were smuggling into North Korea some high-technology Japanese

goods hanned by the Coordinating Committee on Export Controls, the

Paris-based organization that regu-

"That also is not certified," Mr.

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that a former official in Seoul says

won the day because Mr. Han

"nudged, pushed, cajoled, waited and let others take credit,"

He also said the hureau had told

"We do have information at the

year in financial support.

Of North's Bomb

SEOUL - President Kim giving up."
Young Sam of South Korea on America

Tuesday played down foreign news

reports that North Korea bad

probably developed nuclear

"North Korea bas strong intentions to develop nuclear weapons,"

the Yonhap news agency quoted

Mr. Kim as saving at a year-end

news conference with local report-

ers, "But I cannot say North Korea

possesses any nuclear arms at the

"We have accurate information

about that," Mr. Kim was quoted

The New York Times reported

Sunday that the Central Intelli-

gence Agency had advised Presi-

dent Bill Clinton that North Korea

had prohably built one or two nu-

The newspaper, quoting uniden-

tified American officials, said the

finding had been disputed by the

State Department but was supported by virtually all other U.S. intelli-

The U.S. ambassador to Seoul.

The news agency quoted him as

tions, "Nothing new is revealed in

North Korea caused worldwide

nouncing its intention to withdraw

from the Nuclear Nonproliferation

Treaty, the 1970 treaty to limit the

spread of nuclear weapons, and

closing its nuclear sites to foreign

Although it has suspended its

withdrawal from the treaty, it has

failed to dispel international fears

that it is developing nuclear weap-

ons. Pyongyang says the purposes

of its nuclear program are peaceful.

Minister Tsutomu Hata said Japan

would not impose economic sanc-

tions on North Korea over its sus-

adopt such sanctions." Mr. Hata

said. "The important thing is that

pected nuclear weapons program.

In Tokyo, meanwhile, Foreign

James Laney, also played down the CIA report, according to Yonhap. lates exports of such goods to Communist nations.

saying at a luncheon meeting of the Hata said. "In any case, we must

Korean Council on Foreign Rela- watch these things carefully."

clear bombs.

gence agencies.

inspection.

The state of the s

Bonn with the 5 percent of the national vote required

to get in, and perhaps more.
"I think we could get 7. 8 percent of the vote." said the party leader, looking self-assured during an inter-

view in his Strasbourg office. He dismissed opinion polls that showed far less than 5 percent support for rightist parties as being distorted hecause people did not always tell polisters the truth about what they would do in the voting booth.

"Germany has experienced a very considerable movement to the right." be said. "Germans have been spoiled for a very long time, but the growing anxiety about jobs, and the six million people who are unemployed or on make-work programs, will help us."

The decision by the Bonn legislature earlier this year to change the Constitution to make it much harder for foreign asylum-seekers and economic refugees to get into the country was, he said, "precisely what our program called for."

But all the established political parties have called on members to avoid even the appearance of willingness to collaborate with the Republicans if they do get into the Bundestag.

The Interior Ministry has warned voters that the

Republicans are part of what it called a "spiritual hreeding ground for intolerance and violence" that produced more than 1,500 attacks against foreign refugees and asylum-seekers in Germany, and seven deaths, in the first 10 months of this year.

Mr. Schönhuher said be welcomed some foreign workers as a contribution to economic and social stability. What he was against, he said, was misuse of asylum laws by economic refugees. And despite his former membership in the Waffen SS, he said be was neither a racist nor a neo-Nazi. He added he did not want a restoration of the Third Reich.

party success in Hamburg municipal elections in cuted outsider.

The Republicans and the far-right German People's then, but because they split the vote between them -4.7 percent for Mr. Schönhuber's party and 2.9 percent for the publisher Gerhard Frey's German People's Union - neither of them got into the city legislature

"We don't support Frey, and he doesn't support us," Mr. Schönhuber said. Nor would be welcome the backing of the outlawed neo-Nazi groups such as the German Alternative, the Free German Workers Party. or others. But he made it clear he would not reject

Several far-right party leaders said they expected the entire spectrum of "nationalists," as they call themselves, to support the Republicans in the national

Mr. Schönhuber dismissed many of the people to his right as "crazies" and "neurotics," and said he had purged some local leaders and members of his own

The Republicans do not want further action against foreign asylum-seekers, he said, and the party recently adopted a program of "Europe yes, Maastricht no." meaning yes in a European Community of sovereign. cooperating states and regions but no to a federal European-wide government hullt on the European union treaty that was agreed to in Maastricht, the Netherlands, in 1991.

This does not sound much different from the way Edmund Stoiber, the premier of Bayana and an ally of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, put it in the Bonn legislature

But Mr. Schönhuber's position may have cost his Yet Mr. Schönhuber also views himself as a perso-

The government security service has us under surveillance and is infiltrating agents into our ranks." Union won 7.6 percent of the vote in the leftist city he said. "At one of our rallies in Zwickau, there was one person in the crowd who raised his hand in a Nazi salute, and all the television cameras picked it up. I'm sure that was an infiltrator."

For that reason, he said, the party carefully screens prospective members, particularly in the formerly Communist eastern part of Germany, where nearly 000 new members have joined in the last two years. "Most of them are young people between 20 and 30," he said. "In the western part of the country, most

are closer to my age." Mr. Schönhuber joined the Republicans after they were founded in 1983 by disgrantied members of the Bavarian governing party, the Christian Social Union, to protest a multibillion-dollar loan to the East Ger-

Being in Strasbourg, a European city par excellence, suits Mr. Schönhuber. He speaks French — he served as a translator for French volunteers in the Charlemagne Division of the SS in World War II - and Russian, acquired from Russian emigres in Munich after the war, he said. His English served him just as well when the British held him as a prisoner of war.

The French television talk shows love to have me, cause I speak fluent French," he said. He himself was bost of a talk show on Bavarian television before his book about his SS days, "I Was There," was published in 1981.

"I served in the first European army," he said. "There were 500,000 foreigners in the Waffen SS!" He has said that to the end of his days, he would never be ashamed of having served with it.

# TIES: Vatican's Step

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the Vatican's recognition represents an "important symbolism,

Vatican and Israeli officials said the agreement could enable Pope John Paul II to accept Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's invitation to visit Israel, possibly next year. It would be the first such visit since Pope Paul VI went to the Holy Land in 1964, before the 1967 Arab-Israeli war and Israel's annexation of Jerusalem.

The Second Vatican Council, in 1962-65, repudiated the belief that the Jewish people were collectively guilty for the death of Jesus, and called for a dialogue with the Jews.

The Vatican has already recognized Israel's right to exist within secure borders, and during a visit to the Rome synagogue in 1986, the Pope referred to the Jewish people as "our beloved elder brothers."

The Vatican nevertheless has continued to withhold recognition from Israel, arguing that this must depend on the progress of the Middie East peace process, a solution of the Palestinian problem and a guaranteed international status for the city of Jerusalem. The Vatican was also concerned that recognition could endanger Roman Catho-lic minorities living in Arab coun-tries, including Palestinian

Diplomats said the establishing of the first formal agreement be-tween the Vatican and Israel had been made easier by the collapse of the Soviet Union, the main backer of militant Arab states, and the Israeli-Palestine interim agreement allowing the Palestinians limited

# Malaysia Keeps Israeli Ban

KUALA LUMPUR - Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad said Tuesday that Malaysia was still not prepared to estab-lish diplomatic relations with Is-

"Although there are Gulf states which have established diplomatic relations with Israel. we are not prepared because we feel that many things have yet to be done by Israel before we can accord it our recognition." Mr. Mahathir said

Although Mr. Mahathir said he regarded the agreement be-tween Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization as "a most astounding development, he felt that the agreement alone was not adequate.

autonomy in the Gaza Strip and

According to Vatican sources, the two sides will agree to protect freedom of worship, respect each other's sacred places and promote cultural exchanges and pilgrimages. It recognizes the right of the Catholic church to run its own schools, media and welfare agen-

The agreement will also commit the Vatican to fighting anti-Semi-tism in a joint fight against racism and religious intolerance.

Mr. Jacobson said the agreement would make it easier to discuss and resolve local disputes between Catholics and Jews, such as the dispute over the establishment of a Catholic convent at Auschwitz. The convent was removed under Vatican pressure.

### NATO: Zhirinovsky Issue

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that the potential of a revanchist, imperial Russia should accelerate

NATO enlargement. The issue is hardly resolved, given the votes of a large number of Russians on Dec. 12 for an anti-Western party with open territorial claims on nations that have just

regained their freedom. The pro-Western leaders of Poland, Hungary and especially Va-clay Havel, president of the Czech Republic, have been increasingly yocal about the dangers of Russian claims to "spheres of influence" in

East European countries. Mr. Koreyrev complained bitterly in the interview that Western responses to Moscow in the last two years had been inadequate to the dangers of Russia's transition to a post-Communist market democra-

"We don't have a consistent strategy from the Western democratic countries," he said, "of how to combine their efforts with Russian democrats, of how to deal with the whole simution."

There are Western summit meetings, some programs of aid. "All that's very good," he said, "but all that is very different from a strategy and a mechanism to implement that strategy."

To confront Soviet Communist expansionism, he said, the West designed NATO and the Marshall

"Strategy was formulated and resources were mobilized for this strategy," he said "But now we two or three vague notions, nor they said.

### Bar Zhirinovsky, **Australia Hears**

SYDNEY - Jewish leaders demanded Tuesday that the government block an expected visit by the Russian nationalist leader Vladimir V. Zbirinovsky.

A government spokesman said a member of Mr. Zhirinovsky's staff had sought a visa application for him for a private trip to Sydney in early January to visit a nicce. Officials at first said they believed there would be no problem granting the visa.

But Mark Leibler, president of the Zionist Federation of Australia, said Mr. Zhirinovsky was "a self-confessed anti-Semitic and a fascist who has threatened the world with a unclear holocaust."

mechanisms nor resources. They want, cheap, something that can't be bought cheap."

"I'm not begging now or asking for some credit line," Mr. Kozyrev said. "But billions were spent to counter the Communist threat. Whoever said its dismemberment would be so cheap?"

■ Clinton Itinerary in Doubt

U.S. State Department officials declined on Tuesday to confirm the dates of Mr. Clinton's visit to Russiz as announced by Moscow, the International Herald Trihune reported from Washington.

Mr. Clinton will attend the, NATO meeting in Brussels and is: • strategy," he said "But now we also to visit Belarus and Prague, have no formulated strategy, only but his itinerary is not yet official.

### eral Douglas MacArthur's troops nia, the City University of New that the North could get some of its retook Seoul. His life may have York and Columbia University. He became the best-known Ko- fulfilled without harming the been saved, he said, by a North

often seemed to veer from hawkish as he fled the city.

A DARKER SHADE OF CRIMSON: Odvssev of a Harvard Chicano

By Ruben Navarrette Jr. 270 pages. \$21.95.

Reviewed by Alfredo J. Estrada

HARRY TOWNS OF THE PROPERTY OF

OU can always tell a Harvard man, the line goes, but you can't tell him much. Only three years after his graduation. 25-yearold Ruben Navarrette Jr. recalls the arrogance with which he en-re ied at Harvard. One of only 35 exican-Americans out of 1,600 undergraduates entering the class of 1990. Navarrette was determined to make it, to prove not just to himself but also to his family and friends that he could succeed at one ol the United States's most presti-

grous universities. "A Darker Shade of Crimson" is Navarrette's account of his Harvard education and his struggle to reconcile himself to his identity.

But Navarrette does not wear his ethnicity easily. He is from a comfortable middle-class background and does not speak Spanish, despite four "emoarrassing" years of instruction in high school. While his friends make a point of ordering equila he recalls that most Hispanies in his hometown drink wine coolers. He soon finds the politics of Raza, the Mexican-American student organization at the university, stifling and rejects the politically correct notions of his fellow students. Though he realizes he had taken advantage of affirmative aetion to enter Harvard, he grows to

resent it. A turning point comes when Navarrette takes a leave of absence following his junior year. In classes at Fresno State, he encounters other students less self-conscious about their ethnic identity and less absorbed by racial politics.

the iconnclastic author of "Hunger of Memory," who strengthens his conviction that "a well educated Mexican-American" need not "endure an emotional and intellectual separation from his or her parents, family, culture and heritage."

makes his peace with Harvard. Undaunted by rejection by his former Raza friends, at his graduation he grudgingly admits that by pushing taught bim well.

Navarrette's writing is fresh and

He meets Richard Rodriguez.

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bas left him.

The following year, Navarrette him to test his limits. Harvard has

Harvard (we learn little about his professors or the classes he attended) than about himself, and it is unclear where his rite of passage

to accommodating in recent A few days later, caught again in the core of President Bill Clinton's months, as different factions in crossfire. Mr. Han and his parents foreign-policy team.

Seoul capture the ear of President Narrowly escaped execution by a But when he returned to South Kim Young Sam.

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But when he returned to South Kim Young Sam.

regularly to Mr. Han's view, one deceived them about the family's often wrote for Newsweek's inter-

Mr. Han understands the price the war than by the two decades he this year came as a surprise. In his

of failure: He still carries a small spent outside Korea starting in the academic career, he had often takpiece of shrappel in his lower back, early 1960s — a sojourn of study en the view — a minority one here
a stray bit of allied fire left over and teaching that wound through — that relations with North Korea

from September 1950, when Genthe campuses of Berkelev. Califor- were not of a "zero sum" nature.

Kim Young Sam. less friendly band of North KoreBut the center of gravity returns ans, who let them go after his father fessor, crinc and columnist

true loyalties.

Korean soldier who "took out a rean on the American foreign-poli- South's interests.

long cloth and tied up my wound" cy circuit and grew close to many of

rue loyalnes.

Unlike those of many in his genviews, especially his calls for de-

eration, though, Mr. Han's views mocracy, frequently unwelcome, seem shaped less by the trauma of His selection as foreign minist

It is difficult to imagine his time at Harvard as the "ordeal" he describes. Rather, it seems a sheltered interlude, where Navarrette wrestled with his self-imposed image as a "Harvard Chicano. But his pain is real, and so is his

attempt to find answers. Shelby Steele and other writers have described the "racial fatigue" that places a straitiscket on even the most casual relationships. The Hispanic community includes not only several races but a diverse mix of ethnic groups. Race in America has immediate, sprinkled with hitter become a function of competing irony and self-deprecating humor. interest groups, as women, bomo-

groups claim the status of "minor-ities" to gain power. For Hispanics. this creates an ambivalence that is difficult to resolve.

A victim of racial fatigue, Navar-

the people who have since become

But when he returned to South

His selection as foreign minister

rette learns that Harvard is not a particularly good place to find answers, though it provides tools to ask the right questions. After Harvard, be entered

UCLA graduate school, and later returned to his roots in the San Joaquin Valley, where he is currently the editor in chief of Hispanic Student USA, a student publication. It is clear that his search for identity is just beginning.

Alfredo J. Estrada, editor and become a function of competing publisher of Hispanic magazine. graduated from Harvard in 1980. He But his "odvssey" is less about sexuals, the disabled and other wrote this for The Washington Post.

# KOREA: A Softer Voice Is Heard on Foreign Affairs THAIS: Child Prostitution Thrives

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ROUND 2, IN COURT — Horst Günter Rörsch, a former weight-lifting champion who punched President Richard von

Weizsäcker of Germany on Dec. 2, after he received a suspended six-month sentence. He said he confessed to the assault in order

to use his trial to denounce the president's Nazi record. In fact, Mr. Weizsäcker served in the German Army but was not a Nazi.

in the belief that they are less likely to carry the HIV virus. But the opposite may be true because they may be more susceptible to vaginal wounds that promote infection.

Nourished by a male-dominated culture in which patronizing hrothds is almost a national pastime, Thailand's commercial sex industry is protected by pervasive police corruption, according to social workers, government officials and

former prostitutes. In recent years, the industry has turned increasingly to ethnic mi-norities in the north and migrants from Burma, Laos and even China to supply cheaper, more pliable and ever-younger recruits.

Many women go into prostitution willingly, especially at the high end of the market. But numerous others are sold into a form of indentured servitude that borders on sexual slavery, or are lured into it by unscrupulous brokers who persuade them and their families that they can get jobs as restaurant workers or domestic helpers.

According to Saisuree Chutikul, an adviser on child protection in the prime minister's office, there are about 200,000 prostitutes in Thailand, 50,000 to 80,000 of them under age 18. Agents sometimes offer to huld houses for their parents, even showing catalogues of different styles.

drives girls into prostitution, she said. "In some cases, it's also greed on the part of the parents." Child prostitution, said Sampha-

'It's not the poverty alone" that

sit Koompraphant, director of Bangkok's Center for the Protecnon of Children's Rights, is "getting worse, despite government

as largely superficial.

He said his center had rescued more than a thousand girls from brothels in the last eight years but

He described government elforts

he said, although the center has

found girls as young as 8. At Chiang Mai's New Life Con-ter, a Baptist-run shelter for young hill-tribe women and girls, 25 of the current 120 residents are former prostitutes, 12 of them infected with HIV, said the Reverend Lauran Bethell, an American missionary who runs the center.

About 65 percent of the center's residents are from the Akha hill tribe, 25 percent are Lahu, and the rest are Mien or Hmong, she said. Thailand's hill-tribe population of about 550,000 consists of various ethnic groups that speak different dialects but share a legacy of privation and opium addiction.

Uneducated Burmese hill-tribe girls often are tricked into prostitution by relatives, local traders or onal recruiters, who promise to find them jobs in Thai cities as disbwashers, waitresses or maids. Others, aware of what awaits them, are sold by their families - usually for the equivalent of \$40 to \$80, hut sometimes for as much as \$200.

Some parents later visit the brothels to borrow money from

vide the girls with birth control

pills, but rarely condoms, the mis-sionary said. "Usually the customers are drunk, and most of them aren't using condoms," she said. Many of the girls do not comprehend AIDS or how HIV is transmitted, she said.

### Kuwait's First Woman Envoy Agence France-Presse

KUWAIT - Kuwait has named a woman ambassador for the first time in its history, officials said Tuesday. Nabila Molla, sworn in that many more have remained be-Monday, was appointed ambassayoud reach. Many start at age 11, dor to Zimbabwe.

FILMS: How to Reflect Violence?

Vice," "Magnum P.L." "T.J. Hooker" and "Matt Houston" were far heavier on gamplay than such ac-claimed shows of today as "Law and Order," "N.Y.P.D. Blue" and "Homicide." These newer programs have grittier language and more sexual situations than their predecessors but are rarely as vio-

Violence in films, however, their daughters' accounts, Ms. seems to have gone in the opposite Bethell said. The girls are required to work off three times the amount," she said.

The hrothel owners often pro-Bunch" and "In Cold Blood," followed in the next decade by "Taxi Driver," "A Clockwork Orange" and "The Godfather." The pain and damage wrought by violence are intrinsic to these films.

Now, however, they have given way to the lighthearted, almost car-toonish violence of such 1990s movies as "True Romance," "Kalifornia" and "Reservoir Dogs." In these films, the motivations for killings are often unclear, often, the violence is seen as a lark.

In the coming months, Quentin Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction," a vio-lent drama, and Oliver Stone's "Natural-Born Killers," about two fuel the debate about films whose sexy murderers show little remorse. "Which came first, the violent

society or the violence depicted in films that society patronizes?" asked Robert Shaye, the chairman of New Line Cinema, which has produced the successful "Night-mare on Elm Street" horror films, as well as "Menace 2 Society," an extremely violent, though acclaimed, film about ghetto youths.

where artistic integrity and pander-ing can get mixed up," he said.
"Nightmare' is a series of horror films, fantasy, comic-book violence, like 'Batman' or 'Superman.'
Audiences love it." In "Menace 2 Society," though, an especially hor-rific opening in which Korean shop owners are gratuitously murdered, was toned down because Mr. Shaye found it too shocking.

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### " Iraq Seen Shaken by Attack on Saddam The Associated Press and his eldest son. Odai, also have NICOSIA — An assassination been involved in the interrogations,

attempt on Saddam Hussein has the sources said. shaken the Iraqi president's regime Unconfirmed reports said 20 due to suspicions that some of his army officers had been executed closest associates were involved, since the Sept. 24 attack. A bomb according to sources who were rewas set off as Mr. Saddam's motorcade passed on the way to a meet-At least 60 senior military, police ing only a few officials knew about. and government officials have been

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The sources said members of Mr.

Saddam's inner circle have been

The sources said the attack sent shock waves through the regime known to have been detained

They included Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan, Deputy Prime Minister Tario Aziz, De-fense Minister Ali Hassan Majid and Rashad Amin, Mr. Saddam's adviser and chief bodyguard, the sources said. Mr. Aziz is Iraq's international negotiator, Mr. Majid is Mr. Saddam'a cousin and one of

the president's brother-in-law.

questioned, although none are and undermined confidence in Mr.

Saddam's security. They said the bomb was set in Baghdad's northeastern outskirts. The 56-year-old leader, in an armored Mercedes-Benz limousine. was not hurt, but a bodyguard was wounded, they said.

Iraqi opposition sources said their groups were not involved. his closest aides, and Mr. Amin is supporting the theory that the plot was hatched within the regime.

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cently in Iraq.

"There is an extremely gray area

One reason for the scale of violence in American films is that viosence, which needs no translation. sells well abroad. Violence travels well; violent movies frequently do well in foreign markets," said Laur-ence Mark, a producer. "Hence, the resistance to doing away with violence in movies."

Nearly half of all film revenue now comes from abroad, compared mass murderers, will most certainly with about 30 percent in 1980.

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# Moscow Symphony: The Rehearsal Blues

By Craig R. Whitney New York Times Service

OSCOW — The Moscow State Symphony Orchestra is homeless. One of the best-known musical ensembles in Russia and the world for 50 years, the orchestra was thrown out of its rehearsal quarters in Trinity Church in July.
The orchestra's plight and the measures it has

taken in the cosning months illustrate the prob-lems that cultural institutions in Russia have been facing since the collapse of communism. Though the orchestra had signed a lease and paid rent to the church a year in advance, a crowd of centre to the children a year in advance, a crowd of cleries and parishioners intent on righting the wrongs done to Russian Orthodoxy under communism occupied the building and evicted the musicians, along with their instruments.

The orchestra, which performs in the prestigious Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory when per torming always he has not conservatory.

when not touring abroad, has not exactly been reduced to practicing on the sidewalk. But with a budget that permits it to pay its 120 musicians the equivalent of only \$42 to \$67 a month, the ensemble is hard pressed to come up with the \$55 it takes for four hours of rehearsal time in the crowded and chaotic recording studios of the main Russian radio station downtown.

"We don't have anywhere to store the instruments between rehearsals," said the manager, Vasily V. Didik. "We're trying to rent a garage

or a warehouse somewhere nearby."

After taking the orchestra briskly through the finale of Reethoven's First Symphony in the studio, Pavel L. Kogan, the conductor and the son of the late violinist Leonid Kogan, spoke in an interview about the many paradoxes of Russian Studies. sian cultural life under communism as well as in freedom. "I grew up in a family of artists, and the stimulating intellectual atmosphere that I experienced as a child was one side of the medal," he said. "Dictatorship and the way it stranged artistic freedom was the other. This orchestra couldn't even play Beethoven during a concert tour abroad. The ideological bosses would insist on Soviet composers instead.

"So when the change to democracy came, we welcomed it freely. Finally we were free to play what we wanted, when we wanted to."

But freedom had its price. The Soviet state that expropriated Trinity Church and gave it to the orchestra to rehearse in also provided the orchestra with cultural subsidies and paid its

salaries. But the new Russian state that succeeded it, and the Moscow city authorities, have little money for such things.

"I personally think it better to be lean in

freedom than to be sated in slavery," he said.
"But the situation has now got to the point where this orchestra, the Bolshoi Theater and many other cultural institutions are beginning

to sustain severe damage."

The Bolshoi, once a paragon in opera and ballet, had begun to decline in the Communist period, and today some performances seem tired and ragged. Many of its best soloists have abandoned it to pursue careers in Europe.

The Moscow State Symphony Orchestra also pends far more time abroad than it ever could in the old days, partly out of necessity. "The musicians come to me and tell me that they love the orchestra and enjoy working with me but that they have families to support," Kogan said. We have to play abroad to earn fees and make enough money to live on at home."

HE subsidy the orchestra receives from the government amounts to \$6,600 a month for salaries and a much smaller amount for expenses Looking at the consequences of this, Kogan said: "Twe asked for more and for help in finding a new permanent home for the orchestra, but the Ministry of Culture says there just isn't any more money. What they don't realize is that if this goes on much longer, permanent damage is going to be done to cultural institu-tions that it will take decades to rebuild."

"There is no doubt in my mind that Trimity belongs to the church," Kogan said, "but it should have been done by mutual agreement. We had a lease and had paid the rent in advance, but unfortunately, contracts and com-mitments seem to mean little in Russia these days. The authorities advised us to settle out of

Kogan said that the orchestra's foreign tours were often sponsored by big companies but that it had had trouble attracting support from Russian businesses for its concerts here. "The new entrepreneurs don't see what's in sponsorship for them," he said, "and foreign companies operat-ing in Moscow don't think it's their proper role."

He, too, spends much of his time guest-conducting abroad. "The Russian musical cul-ture is in my blood," he said, "but I don't know how much longer I'll find the courage to contin-

### LONDON THEATER



# 1993, a Year of Survival

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# And a Diet of Musicals and Classics

By Sheridan Morley

ONDON - So what kind of a year have we had in the London theater? Principally, I guess, one of survival. While the news on the road goes from bad to worse, with Britain's last two major elassical touring companies (Compass and the English Shakespeare) both gone to the wall these last three months, the capital has kept itself fed on a diet of long-lasting major musicals and some safe classic revivals, almost all of which have come from the classic revivals, almost all of which have come from the classic revivals, almost all of which have come from the classic revivals, almost all of which have come from the classic revivals, almost all of which have come from the classical and some safe classic revivals, almost all of which have come from the classical companies. That show was called "Leonardon" and financed by an island called Nauru rich in bird droppings, which unfortunately is also what the show got from the press. Anthologies were still in fashion, ranging from the press. Anthologies were still in fashion, ranging from the press. Anthologies were still in fashion, ranging from the press. Anthologies were still in fashion, ranging from the press. Anthologies were still in fashion, ranging from the press. cuassic revivals, almost all of which have come from the immensely prolific producer-director team of Peter Hall and Bill Kenwright, no show too large or too small.

Current attractions include "Piaf."

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Feydeau's "An Absolute Turkey." Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Con-The commercial quer," and until recently, there were "Lysistrata," "Separate Tables," and "An Ideal Husband."

But take away the Hall-marks and the musicals and what have we got? Centainly no year that offers new plays by Harold Pinter, Tony Kushner, Arthur Miller, David Hare, David Mamer, Terry Johnson

and Tom Stoppard can be called unimpressive. But look a little closer and it becomes evident that all of those shows came from either minimally budgeted fringe the big stars back to Shakespeare: Kenneth Branagh's shows came from either minimally budgeted fringe theaters (such as the Almeida in Islington, which has had the best track record of the year) or heavily subsidized state companies, leaving the commercial theater to function as a kind of central London hotel, taking in stray productions on a rental basis without generating any excitement or energy of its own.

Of the playwrights listed above, Pinter made a wel-come return to full-length (well, 90 minutes anyway) writing after 15 years with "Moonlight"; the Kushner "Perestroika," second half of his "Angels in America," was a bitter and overlong disappointment; the Miller was the fragmentary "Last Yankee": Hare, like Kushner, was completing a sequence on the state of the (in this case British) nation with "Absence of War," which, like the Kushner, did not live up to its promise; the Mamet was "Oleanna," which caused rather less politically correct debate over here than in its native America: the Johnson was a manic account of Salvador Dali under psychoanalysis, and the Stoppard was a hngely intellectual exercise in time travel called

On the musical front there was "City of Angels." which, despite having by far the most talent of the two Hollywood 1940s big-band shows of the year (the other was "Sunset Boulevard"), failed to attract sufficient bus-group audiences even with tremendous critical support. It was clearly a mistake to try to disinter "Hair" at

the Old Vic. which ended up looking more like a very bad hairpiece, but any lessons that might have been learned about the unwisdom of bringing back old rock shows was immediately disproved by "Grease," which became the hottest ticket of the year.

There were some major musical disasters among new shows too, not least "Eurovision" and an attempt to set the Mona Lisa to music. That show was called "Leonar-

> Musical triumphs seemed to be-long to the Broadway past, but filtered through the new perceptions of young London legit directors. Nicholas Hytner's "Carousel," Declan Donnellan's "Sweeney Todd" and Sam Mendes's "Cabaret" not only proved the box-office hits of the year but also showed that the American musical at its absolute best is as deserving of classic status as any-

thing by more traditional writers.

On the acting front, this was the year the Royal "Hamlet" was followed by Robert Stephens's "King Lear," Alec McCowen's "Prospero" and, at year's end Derek Jacobi's rather lackluster "Macbeth," a role that also brought its usual quota of bad luck to Alan Howard in a National Theatre production.

There were some immensely powerful female performances, not least from Diana Rigg as Medea, Maggie Smith as Lady Bracknell, Fiona Shaw in the rarely revived "Machinal" and Penelope Wilton in the best of the Rattigan rediscoveries, "The Deep Blue Sea."

Most of the best new plays of the year ("Lion in the Streets," "Unidentified Human Remains") seemed to emanate from Canada and to be concerned with unspecified urban dread. For me, the most impressive debut of the year came from Neil Bartlett and Nicholas Bloomfield with "Night After Night" at the Royal

So what do we look forward to for 1994? The return of Topol in "Fiddler on the Roof" and Jonathan Pryce in his first "Oliver"; Maureen Lipman in "Sisters Rosensweig" from Broadway; the Sondheim anthology "Putting It Together" with Carol Burnett in her London debut; Diana Rigg in "The Seagull"; Emma Thompson in a stage version of "Mary Poppins"; Al Pacino in "Chinese Coffee." Oh yes, and another year of theatri-

# On Paris Stages, a Feast of Entertainment

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss

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years, Karl Valentin was the foremost funny man of the land. Robert Hossein, who specializes

in historical pageants, has devised a huge spectacle, "Je m'appelais Ma-rie-Antoinette," (at the Palais des Sports). It is based on the queen's ordeal before the Tribunal. The vast stadium, which holds 4,000, is packed nightly and at matinees. It is a stimulating history lesson for the young generation, while the adults would seem to be readers of such historians as Michelet, Sainte-Beave, and Stefan Zweig. After the performance the audience votes on the queen's fate. The majority acquit the accused, but some call for exile as punishment. Very few agree that she should have been beheaded.



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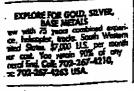
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Consumer Goods

# **Dispute** On Chips **Flares**

### U.S. Turns Up Heat on Japanese

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - The United States turned up the heat on Japan Tuesday in a dispute over computer-chip trade, suggesting that To-kyo was reneging on an interna-tional agreement that should enable U.S. companies to sell more semiconductors there.

The Treasury's undersecretary for international affairs, Lawrence Summers, said during a television interview that Japanese companies continue to discriminate against U.S. suppliers and it was time for

Japan to stop the practices.

I think what we want to see is for them to live up to the commitment that they have made and that was a commitment negotiated a number of years ago," Mr. Summers said.

A 1986 agreement calls for a 20 percent share of the Japanese market for foreign-made semiconductors. But a U.S. study issued Monday said foreigners supplied only 18.1 percent of semiconductors used in Japan during the third quarter of this year.

Semiconductors are the electronic chips containing instructions that enable computers to perform complex functions.

"They hit the goal that we've both been looking for of 20 percent in 1992 and since then it's been slipping," Mr. Summers said, meaning that U.S. companies are not profiting from an expanding Japanese market.
That's a matter of real concern

for us in the context of an overall relationship that has to be repaired so that the share of the benefits we get is a little higher than it has been in the past," Mr. Summers added. The U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, said Monday that he wanted "emergency" talks with Tokyo over semiconductors and said a joint plan would be proposed to "improve dramatically foreign

share and access" to Japan's market. Japanese electronics companies See CHIPS, Page 13

# No Relief for Japan Jobless Unemployment Hits 6-Year High of 2.8%

TOKYO - Japan's prolonged recession pushed the unemployment rate in November to its highest level in more than six years, a seasonally adjusted 2.8 percent, the government said on Tuesday.

The rate inched up from 2.7 percent in October, recording the third consecutive monthly rise, the Management and Coordination Agency said. The rate in November 1992 was 2.3 percent. The unemployment rate was

last at 2.8 percent in August

1987, when the yen's apprecia-

nion was hurting Japanese ex-porters and the overall economy. The record high for Japan's unemployment rate was 3.1 percent in May of that year. Japan's unemployment would be higher if calculated by U.S. or

European methods. In Japan, people working more than one hour in the last week of the month are considered employed. "The protracted recession is

pushing up the unemployment rate," a management agency of-ficial said, adding. "The condition will remain severe for a while."

The report noted a marked decline in manufacturing jobs, and wholesale, retail and food-

related enterprises were up. Service jobs have tended to be more resilient because they are more labor-intensive than manufacturers, which have been increasingly turning to automa-

The chief cabinet secretary, Masayoshi Takemura, said the government should focus its economic policy on unemployment and that it considered long-See JOBS, Page 13

# **Current-Account Surplus Turns Down**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Japan's current account surplus shrank by 21 percent in November in dollar terms, marking the first decline in six months from year-earlier levels, the Finance Ministry said

Tuesday.

The surplus in the current account, a broad measure of trade in merchandise and services plus certain other capital flows, contracted to \$8.21 billion in November from \$10.34 billion in November 1992. The figures are

not adjusted for seasonal factors.

A Finance Ministry official

noted that the surplus had been shrinking in yen terms every month since July. Economists said the dwindling

surplus had not previously been apparent in the dollar figures because the strong yen inflated the dollar value of Japanese exports. But now the yen's rise was putting enough pressure on Japan's export volume to cut the surplus io dollar terms, they said, adding the surplus was likely to continue making them cheaper. shrinking for the same reason.

But a ministry official said it was too soon to say that the doi-

trend. He said currency rates, crude oil prices and the economic situation at home and abroad must still be monitored.

Japanese products have lost competitiveness in the global market as the yen rose to 108.22 to the dollar by the end of November compared with 124.75 a year earlier. The strong yen also boosted imports in November by

Tokyo's trading partners have been pressing it to take steps to

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# **U.S. Consumers** And Industry Are Optimistic

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - U.S. consumers and industry are showing from a revised 71.9 in November. more optimism about the economy

than they have in several years, reports released Tuesday showed. Consumer confidence rose to its highest level in almost two years in December, a sign that consumers are growing increasingly secure about their jobs, the economy and in their expectations for the next six months, according to the latest

survey by the Conference Board. U.S. manufacturers, meanwhile, are forecasting the fastest growth to sales in six years, according to the Commerce Department's Industrial Outlook report for 1994. The gains will be fueled by investment in capital equipment and by increasing consumer demand for du-

rable goods, the report said. The numbers, which followed a string of recent reports showing an economic upturn, convinced analysts that the recovery will not stall in 1994. "I think the economy is for real this time," Brian Wesbury, chief economist of Griffen, Kubik, Stephens & Thompson in Chicago, said, "With inventories low and consumer confidence strong, I expect to see growth well into the future."

The Conference Board's index of consumer confidence rose to 80.2 putting the barometer at its highest level since March 1991.

The increase means that consumers may be ready to make his. ticket purchases - such as cars and refrigerators - that they had been holding off on because of uncertainty about the economy.

The Consumer Confidence In-

dex is now at a level historically asable pace of economic growth," said Fabian Linden, executive director of the Conference Board's Consumer Research Center. "While it may still be too early for the readings to be totally convincing, they are certainly

extremely encouraging."
According to the Commerce Department, autos will be one of the industries pushing the United States to the fastest growth in manufacturing in six years. The department saw a 6 percent rise in unit sales of U.S.-produced motor vehi-cles and a 4 percent increase in bome construction.

The department said its annual forecast had surveyed 200 manufacturing and service industries that See ECONOMY, Page 10

# The Bulls Charge Into Asian Markets

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

HONG KONG - A day after a number of

hey European stock exchanges soured to new records, a flood of buyers sent Asian markets to new highs on Tuesday.

Heavy foreign buying spurred domestic investors and lifted the Hong Kong, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore exchanges to record closings. Hong Kong posted a record gain for a single day and even Tokyo staged an gain for a single day and even Tokyo staged an impressive rebound from Monday's weakness. The Asian component of the International Herald Tribune World Stock Index rose 2.10 percent, 117.27.

"There is a lot of money coming toto mutual funds and the market appears to be more dic-tated by those flows rather than any sensible rational investment decisions," said Angus Baxter, managing director at Smith New Court (Far East). "The attitude is one of 'get io and enjoy it while the fun lasts."

The year-end bull run has capped an outstanding year for most Asian markets, According to major indexes, Hong Kong shares have advanced 110 percent this year, while Singa-pore has climbed 57 percent, Malaysia 88 per-cent, Thailand 84 percent, the Philippines 152 percent and Indonesia 106 percent.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng Index of blue chips closed Tuesday 4.8 percent higher, at

"Usually the market flattens out this time of year, but international investors seem to want to get into Hong Kong before the year runs out," said David Lavington, a traders at Morgan Grenfell (Asia).

Real estate stocks led the rally to the wake of last week's announcement by the government that loosened constrictions on building, allowiog more extensive construction for much of Kowloon, Hong Kong's major population center. The changes are expected to favor Hong Kong real estate developers.

In Singapore, the benchmark Straits Times Industrials Index closed 0.59 percent higher on Tuesday, at 2,392.37, after rising as high as 2,398.53 in the course of the trading session. Tom Hester, a dealer at Baring Securities, said institutional tovestors appeared to be switching from Singapore to Hong Kong in order to cash to on growth prospects in China. In Taiwan, the Weighted Price Index rose by 0.18 percent, to a two-year high of 5,501.75, on

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### China Moves To Curb Prices

The Associated Press

BELIING - The government said Tuesday that the 1993 inflation rate for major cities was nearly 20 percent and ordered action to bring down soaring grain prices that might threaten new economic

Deputy Prime Minister Zhu Rongii said prices for grain and edible oils must be immediately lowered to a "reason-able level."

Grain prices have soared more than 30 percent since November in some areas.

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By Kathleen Murray New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - It was August 1987. As Billy Joel bounded onto the stage before thousands of cheering fans in Leningrad, Jeffrey

cheering fans in Leningrad, Jeffrey Sudikoff stood backstage, near a satellite dish, relaying the concert signal to radio stations across the United States.

Mr. Sudikoff's tiny company, IDB Communications Group Inc., was undertaking something no less ground-breaking than Mr. Joed was. No one from the West had ever set up a satellite transmission not controlled by Soviet authorities.

Indeed, IDB spent a week battling customs officials to get its equipment at the airport.
Just hours before showtime, IDB was still Just nouns octobe salwante, 1120 and salar hartering concert nickets for the trucks and personnel to transport it and hook it up.

For Mr. Sndikoff, this frenzy was business

as usual. As founder and chief executive of IDB, based in Culver City, California, he has quietly cobbled together a profitable business transmitting radio and television programming, telephone services and other data from places many larger companies avoid. Through its network of owned and leased satellites and fiber optic cable, the company provides a pipeline for communications rang-ing from ship-to-shore messages to transmis-sion of Cable News Network and other net-

service in parts of Europe and the former Soviet republics.

IDB is now the fourth-largest American provider of international long-distance service, undercutting bigger rivals in underserved regions in Europe and Asia.

work broadcasts from remote areas to phone

Services. He was referring to MCI Communications Corp., the long-distance telephone company that was one of the first major challeng-

ers to American Telephone & Telegraph Co. "We were afraid to say no to a project," Mr. Sudikoff said. Over the years that has made for an array of assignments—from floating satel-lite equipment on a barge to Antarctica for Korean television to providing mobile commu-

nications during the Gulf War.

It has also given the company an unusual expertise. "Jeffrey likes doing things that big companies can't," said Gilbert Knang, IDB's first employee, who now runs Sonic Commi-

Jeffrey Sudikoff's IDB Communications 'likes doing things that big companies can't.'

nications in Los Angeles. Mr. Kuang recalls that during the Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting in Iceland, IDB technicians had to show other carriers, including AT&T, how to

make their equipment work. Mr. Sudikoff confessed: "At the time we've said yes to customers, we often didn't know how we were going to do it." So far the strategy has paid off. His business logged \$155 million in revenue last year. In another andacious gamble, Mr. Sudikoff,

"IDB is doing internationally what MCI did domestically years ago," said Herbert Maher, an analyst at Hancock Institutional Equity become a player in the new industry of provid-

ing entertainment and data on dema Industry observers agreed that such ambi-tions will test IDB's mettle, but they give the company better-than-average odds. After all, noted Charles Pluckhahn, a portfolio manag-er at State Street Research & Management, IDB bines benedesting brown born techno-IDB brings broadcasting know-how, technological savvy and carrier capacity to the table.

But competition on American shores is going to be more intense, "What Jeffrey's talking about makes a great deal of sense, but it ain't going to be easy," said Mr. Pluckhahn, who doubled his stake to the company this year. "The question is going to be, will his reach exceed his grasp?"

That is a question Wall Street was asking this month on word that Mr. Sudikoff was bailing out Brace McNall, owner of the Los baning our brace McNail, owner of the Los Angeles Kings hockey team. Together with Joseph Cohen, a friend and fellow IDB direc-tor, Mr. Sudikoff has personally invested in an estimated \$60 million deal to buy a stake in the ailing franchise and help build an arena.

Mr. Sudikoff developed an early fascina-tion with communications. Growing up in Newton, Massachusetts, at 13 he had already set up his own battery-operated telephone network, running wires under neighbors' lawns so be could talk to friends at night. After graduation from Dartmouth, Mr. Sudikoff headed to California, got a job managing rock concerts and stayed long enough to seize an opportunity. IDB was born in 1983, when he took a \$15,000 loam to buy a satellite

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# STOCKS: Surge in Asian Markets

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expectations that brisk money supply growth and continued economic expansion would keep the rally going well into 1994, analysts said. "Local people who haven't invested in the market in years are lonking at stocks, and there's still a lot of foreign money coming in," said Carrie Cox, an analyst with

Jardine Fleming Taiwan Securities. in Thailand, the SET Index rose 2.77 percent, to 1,652.69, its fifth

### N.Y. Stocks

straight record, as finance and communications stocks were heavisought industrial shares were less buoyant and analysts said the effects of lower interest rates were taking longer to affect such titles.

In Malaysia, the Composite Index also posted a fifth consecutive record, rising 1.47 percent to "The interest in the blue chips is

there," said Mohamad Rani Dali Samsudin, senior analyst at Mayban Securities. "They don't want to Share prices rebounded strongly

1.85 percent, to 17,131,21. Traders said that institutionals were becoming active bargain-hunters.
In Manila, the Composite Index

slipped a slight 0.16 percent, to 3,165.65, on Tuesday from a record closing on Monday, and traders cited profit-taking. Some analysts are expecting a strong first quarter in 1994 in the wake of recent reforms initiated by the government. (Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters)

■ Dow Squeaks to Record The Dow Jones industrial average managed to eke out an advance in the final minutes of trading on Tuesday to close at a record high of 3.793.77. up 0.84 percent from Monday, amid forecasts for more solid gains in the days ahead. The broader market was also

firmer, with the S&P 500 stock index up 0.40 point, at 470.94. Gene Seagle, technical research director at Gruntal & Co., said the early weakness bad been only tem-porary. The seasonal factors are very positive for this market," he added, referring to the year-end practice of reinvesting in stocks now that tax-loss selling is out of the way.

ing positions before the end of the r. analysts said. Analysis noted that Oppenheion the Tokyo Stock Exchange as the Nikkei 225 Stock Index rose energy companies, saying OPEC was nearing an agreement on cut-

prices. (Knight-Ridder, AP, UPI)

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accounted for more than 78 percent of manufacturers' shipments. "Nearly 90 percent of the manufacturing sectors covered in the outlook forecast growth in 1994," the undersecretary for international trade. Jeffrey Garten, said.

Capital investment in computers, electronic components, medical equipment and production machinery and consumer purchases of

### Foreign Exchange

automobiles, appliances and furnishings will lead growth in manufacturing sectors, the report said. However, the increased business will not boost U.S. employment because companies are restructuring and using fewer workers, Mr. Gar-ten said. "The economy is not generating enough jobs, or the kinds of jobs anyone would like," he said.

Moreover, economic weakness in Japan and Europe will drive up the U.S. trade deficit in 1994 ov making it difficult to sell U.S. products in those regions. The government will attempt to alleviate those pressures by encouraging trade with Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, China, Indonesia, and other countries with large populations and pent-up demand Mr. Garten said.

The department's report said. however, that 121 out of 150 manufacturing industries surveyed ex-

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That compared with a 2 percent gain this year and would be the largest since 1988, the department

### (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX, AFP)

■ Dollar Is Mixed The dollar weakened slightly against the Deutsche mark but gained against Japanese ven in oui-et trading on Tuesday, Knight-Ridder reported from New York.

At the close of trading, the dollar was quoted at 1,6995 DM, down from 1.7010 DM on Monday. But it rose to 111,40 ven from 110.45 Against other currencies, the

dollar eased to 1.4390 Swiss francs from 1,4435 francs, and to 5,7919 French francs from 5.7955 francs. The Brinsb pound rose a bit, to \$1.5080 from \$1.5045.

Traders said the dollar's small moves were just the result of dealers squaring their positions before the end of the year, and they noted the dollar has remained within rela-

Tuesday's stronger-than-expected December consumer confidence reading just showed bow direction-

Traders said the fact that Lon-



# tively narrow ranges. The dollar's lack of response to Frankfurt and Paris Pause

reading just showed bow direction-less trading was this week, they said.

LONDON — The German and French stock markets lost ground on Tuesday, pausing for breath after a recent record-breaking run. Traders in Frankfurt said stocks were hit by a drop in futures: The 30don markets were closed Tuesday share DAX index dropped 11.16 points, to 2,242.82

was one major reason trading was In Paris shares eased on profit-taking. The CAC-40 share index so slow. But even after London finished down 11.91, at 2.264,64.

pected to register rising sales next reopens. Wednesday, they expect The London stock market was closed for a continuation of the year. It predicted an inflation-ad-flows to remain thin because so Christmas vacation and reopens on Wednesday. Last Friday, the Finanmany customers bave already cial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares ended 15.8 points closed their books for the year. higher, at a record 3.412.3.

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# **Market Will Decide** Pollution's Price

By Marla Cone Los Aneeles Times Service LOS ANGELES - How much

will a company pay for the right to emit a pound of pollution into America's filthiest air? That question, the focus of worldwide curiosity among industrial leaders and pollution regula-tors, soon will be answered as Southern California's smog market debuts on Jan. 1. Nitrogen oxides and sulfur fumes — two of the worst pollutants fouling the area's skies - will become marketable

commodities that day, joining the likes of coffee, cattle and cotton. The South Coast Air Quality Management District's Regional Clean Air Incentives Market. known as RECLAIM, is the world's first free-enterprise program to clean up urban air pollution.

Under it, 390 industrial enterprises in four Los Angeles-area. counties will be allocated an annual freedom to choose the cheapest way to achieve it, including trading credits. A company that cuts its emissions beyond its limit can sell its ment district estimated business excess credits at whatever price it is would pay about \$577 in 1994 for

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has emerged in the region, with the first public auction scheduled for March 24, organized by Cantor Fitzgerald in New York and Dames & Moore, an engine company. And the nation's stock exchanges are watching to see if the smog market is hot enough to war-

rant their involvement. At first, economists say, most Southern California businesses will wary of trading their RE CLAIM credits. They will browse a bit, attend auctions and check out the prices. Some will probably swap a few. But little money is expected to change hands for the first year or two.

On Jan. 1, half of the 390 busi-nesses regulated under RECLAIM will be allocated credits, with the rest beginning July 1. Each company is assigned an annual emissions limit for nitrogen oxides and sulfur, which will decrease by 5 percent to 8 percent each year for the next pollution limit and then granted the decade. One credit equals one pound of pollution.

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# Abbott Drug Used in AIDS Infections

ABBOTT PARK, Illinois (Bloomberg) — Abbott Laboratories Inc. said Tuesday that its Biaxin antibiotic has become the first drug to be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use against the most common AIDS-related bacterial infection.

Biaxin can now be used to treat disseminated Mycobacterium avium complex, which is usually harmless in healthy people but can be deadly to those with weakened immune systems. It has been found in up to 50 percent of all AIDS patients in autopsies.

Biaxin is Abbott's best-selling pharmaceutical product. It is expected to reach \$400 million in sales this year.

# AT&T Announces a Rise in Rates

NEW YORK (AP) — American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said Tuesday that rate increases on some long-distance calls would total about \$750 million annually. The company said a new calling plan, combined with current promotions and discounts, would offset the increase. Rates for direct-dialed domestic calls will be rise an average of 6.3. percent. International rates will rise about 3.75 percent on average. The new plan, AT&T True Savings, will provide a discount of 20 percent to subscribers who bill \$25 or more monthly.

Parting Is Sweet for Apple Aides

CUPERTINO, California (Bloomberg) — Apple Computer Inc.,
which gave former Chairman John Scolley a multimilion-dollar severance package, outlined Tuesday in proxy materials for its annual meeting

next month the packages it provided for two of his close aides.

Apple agreed to pay Albert A. Eisenstat, the veteran executive vice president, a \$646,000 severance package next month as well as medical benefits. The agreement also allows him to immediately exercise options

to buy Apple shares valued at \$13.4 million.

Robert L. Puette, former president of the Apple USA division, will get a \$147,778 severance check plus a bonus payout that could run as high as \$108,333. Mr. Puette also will receive a \$105,000 fee for consulting services to the computer company for the next year.

### Closed-End Fund for India Plans IPO WASHINGTON (Reuters) - India Investment Fund Inc. filed a

registration statement Tuesday with the Securities and Exchange Com-

mission for an initial offering of 4 million shares.

The fund's investment objective is long-term capital appreciation. It expects to invest no less than 65 percent of its assets in equity securities of

 TCW/DW Emerging Market Opportunities Trust filed a registration statement with the SEC for an offering of 7 million shares. The trust's objective is to seek capital appreciation through investment in equity securities of emerging market countries, initially in Asia and to a lesser extent Latin America, the filing said.

(Reuters)

### Timken to Cut Jobs, Take Charge

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) - Timken Co. said Tuesday it would NEW YORK (Knight-Kidder) — Innien Co. said Tuesday it would take a \$1.13 a share charge against fourth-quarter earnings to account for employee layoffs and the write-off of manufacturing equipment.

Although the charge, totalling \$43 million, will reflect the layoff of 900 employees, Timken said that over the long term it plans to cut employment by 2,200. Excluding the charge, the company expects to have positive operating income for the fourth quarter and for all of 1993.

### For the Record

Veritas Capital Inc., a New York merchant-banking firm, said it had signed agreements with Bethlehem Steel Corp. and the United Steelworkers of America to buy and reopen several closed Bethlehem mills in Pennsylvania and a plant at its sprawling Lackawanna, New York. complex near Buffalo.

The U.S. International Trade Commission said it reached a preliminary decision that saccharin imports from China and Korea which have been found to be dumped are causing harm to U.S. industry.

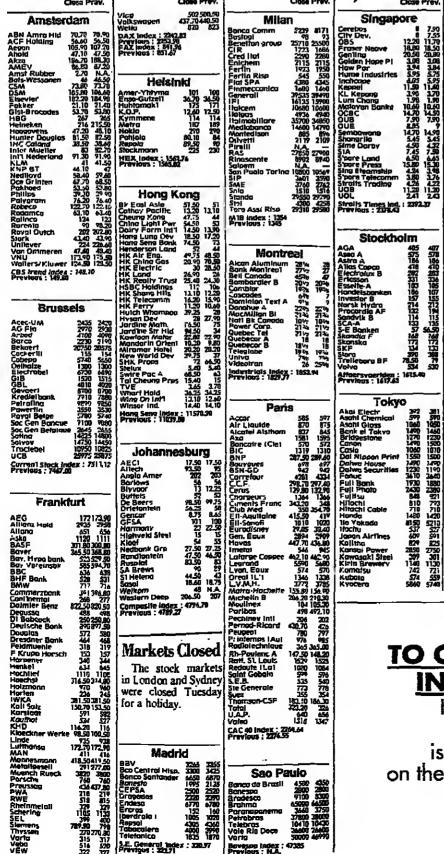
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# Bonn, Business Differ on End To Recession

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BONN - Germany's economics minister declared Tuesday that the recession was over, but business groups said it was premature to talk

Economics Minister Gilnter Rexrodt said, "At the end of the year it is becoming clearer that the German economy has come out of its trough." He added there was a good chance recovery would accelerate next year, when he sees the economy expanding 0.5 percent to 1 percent.

the German Federation of Chambers of Commerce and the German Savings Banks Association, struck a more cautious note.

commerce, Peter Stihl, said the economy would only turn the corner when companies regained the confidence to invest. "It is true that there may have been some improvement in private consumption and orders from abroad but this is not enough to speak of an econom-

Mr. Stihl said the positive interpretation given to improving eco-nomic indicators reminded him of "birds singing prematurely as dawn approaches." He added, "Our

The Associated Press

FRANKFURT -- Mcroedes-Benz AG, which built

Detlef May, a spokesman for the company, said it

The move is one in a series of steps by the manufac-

turer of luxury cars and commercial vehicles to escape

high German labor and production costs. Mercedes

announced Sept. 30 that it would start producing

Bernd Gottschalk, the Mercedes management board

member who oversees the commercial truck division, said in a published interview that the company planned

to manufacture 15,000 to 20,000 trucks in Argentina

Mercedes also plans to build heavy trucks in Indo-

nesia, where it already assembles passenger sedans and bus parts, Mr. Gottschalk said. The trucks will be

assembled from parts manufactured in Germany, the

Mercedes' truck division also wants to expand in

China, where it already builds buses in Shanghai and

annually to serve the South American market.

published report said.

rough-terrain utility vehicles in Alabama by 1997.

planned to expand truck production in Argentina,

half of its trucks this year at plants outside Germany,

plans to expand its foreign-based production of com-

mercial vehicles, a spokesman said Tuesday.

atarming structural problems are far from resolved."

The Savings Banks Association said there was no longer any reason for fundamental pessimism about the economy but it warned the situation was unstable. "Hopes of a quick recovery which will noticeably benefit the labor market are premature," it said. "A thorough economic recovery is unlikely to start before mid-year and even then it could be comparatively weak in view of the communing structural problems of

the German economy. The German economy will start to grow, albeit slowly, from spring next year, the economics research institute RWI said on Tuesday. 'As expected, the outlook for the German economy next year has improved slightly," RWI said. "In the West, the deepest recession since the war has come to a half and after a period of stagnation in the summer, we can now see the first tenta-

tive signs of recovery for 1994." While Western Germany's gross domestic product is expected to fall 1.75 percent this year, RWI estimated it would rise I percent next year.

Exports will pick up as the economic situation in Europe improves, spurring growth, RWI said.

**Mercedes Expands Abroad** 

# A Setback for Recycling Germany to Delay Plan to Assuage EC

BONN -- Germany is propos-

ing to delay ambitious standards for recycling packaging, in part to appease critics among its European Community partners, of-ficials said Tuesday.

Draft legislation presented by Environment Minister Klaus Toepfer on Tuesday would postpone the deadline for German companies to recycle at least 60 percent of paper, plastic and cardboard used in consumer packag-ing from 1996 to the start of 1998.

The delay would affect materials that make up the bulk of throw-away wrappings, such as milk cartons and yogurt containeffect for glass, aluminium and

A spokesman for the Environment Ministry said the delay, which must be approved by the cabinet and parliament, was needed to give German companies time to build enough recyeling plants

"It is in part aimed at being accommodating to our EC part-ners," the spokesman said. "But we need the time anyway to creare new capacity using new technology at home."

Bonn's national program for packaging waste collection, launched in 1991, had a setback this month when EC countries limited German exports of waste.

15 that would limit each of the 12 member countries to recycling no more than 45 percent of packaging waste.

The limits would have forced Germany to start throwing away some of the materials it now recycles at home or abroad.

Aided by Denmark and the Neiberlands. Bono pushed through an exception for countries that develop enough domestic capacity to recycle more than

Several EC states had complamed their fledgling recycling programs were stalled as their capacity was taken up by waves of exported paper, plastic and other wrappings from Germany.

# **Athens Persists in Airline Bailout**

ATHENS - Greece's new Socialist government will reapply to the European Community to write off 325 billion drachmas (\$1.33 billion) of Olympic Airways' debt. Transport Minister loannis Chara-

The state-owned carrier will have line's problems, Mr. Charalambous a loss of about 22 billion drachmas said.

and generate profits through coop-

# **EC Warns** France on **Aid for Bull**

AFP Extel News BRUSSELS - The European Commission, the EC executive body, said Tuesday that it has told France that it faced legal action that could force it to take back an advance of 2.5 billion French francs (\$430.7 million) made on a capital injection to Groupe Bull.

In a ootice in the EC's Official Journal, which was made available oo Tuesday, the commission published a letter it bad sent to the French government saying it has started a procedure under EC law that could lead to the government being forced to recover or modify the Bull advance.

The commission also invited comments about the aid for Bull from other EC states and interested parties.

The letter said the commission "considers no restructuring plan has yet been submitted to it" to justify the aid, since the plan, drawn up by Bull, is still subject to

your authorities' approval." The commission requested "details of the exact amount and purpose of the advance."

The commission called for extensive information about the condition of the company, asking for forecasts which would make a judgment possible about the viability of

the group.

Bull is 88 percent owned by the French state and France Telecom.

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paper as a weekly supplement to Poland's daily Gazeta Wyborcza. Belgian National Bank cut its central market rate by 0.15 percent,

bringing it down to 7.25 percent. The discount rate was kept at 5.25 percent. Aerospatiale said it would close its operations for a week, in addition to the traditional week's paid leave for Christmas, due to a fall in orders. · Compagnie Bancaire said it would reshuffle its capital, resulting in a one-time gain in net profit at its consumer credit unit, Cetelem, of 343

million French francs (\$57 million) this year. North American Bank directors were ordered to pay a \$150 million fine by a Jerusalem court that said they were responsible for embezzlement

### hundreds of businesses closing and and corruption at the bankrupt Israeli hank. Bleomberg, NYT, AFP. Reuters

Is the First Since 1986 Bloomberg Business News

FRANKFURT - The German government on Tuesday sold 3 hil-lion Deutsche marks (\$1.8 billioo) of 30-year, 6.25 percent bonds to the Federal Bond Consortium. It was the federal government's first new 30-year bond to be sold since

The bond was priced at 100,40 to yield an average 6.22 percent. The terms were largely in line with investors' expectations of a coupon of 6.25 to 6.30 percent, and yield of 55-70 basis points over the latest 10-year government bood. The 10year 6 percent federal bond now yields 62 basis points less than the oew 30-year issue.

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### ers, although 1996 recycling quo-tas of 70 percent would remain in A majority of EC environment

Beijing. The company is also discussing plans to build motors in China with the Chinese truck maker First

Actomobile Works, but Mr. Gottschalk saw the

"modest move" as the first step toward building heavy

Mercedes, a division of Daimler-Benz AG, this year

accelerated its moves abroad with a series of steps that it called its "globalization."

In January, Mercedes decided to build its newly conceived minivans in Spain. In February, the compa-

ny said it planned to manufacture a new car in South

Korea with Ssangyong Motor Co, It also announced projects in Uzbekistan and Mexico.

year, according to recent company statements, and executives have said the truck division will continue to

The truck division is expected to post a loss this

Group sales in the truck division for the full year

While business in Europe has been slow, Mercedes

truck operations in the United States are finishing a

record year, Mr. Gottschalk said. Freightliner Corp., a

truck-making subsidiary based in Oregon, sold 45,000 trucks in 1993, the highest sales in its history.

should fall 5 percent this year, to 26.9 billion marks

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(\$15.8 billion), Mr. Gottschalk said.

was not fading quietly away.

PRIVATE: Russia Changeover Nears Halfway Point

opposition from the right to the privatization program, likely to in-creased by the strong showing of As evidence of the slow rate of extreme nationalists and Commu- real reform and restructuring, critnists in recent legislative elections, ics point out that no more than a We are very well aware of what sia, have been forced to declare

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Russia or a potential alliance of political forces that would overturn privatization in Russia," be said. Nobody will ever be able to do it." Mr. Chubais also said that tough

political opposition from hard-liners was blocking the implementation of a recent decree by Mr. Yeltsin that would legalize the free buying and solling of land.

might be softened to satisfy certain to face the political nightmare of areas of the country where opposition is particularly fierce.

handful of enterprises in all of Rusis going to happen around privati-zation," be said, hinting that he despite the obvious inefficiency of

Indeed, at the news conference on Tuesday, the newly named state "Nevertheless, I am convinced hankruptcy chief, Sergei Belyaev. that there is no political force in said that a survey of Russian enterprises had shown that about 1,000 were insolvent. But there appears to be no immediate prospect that any will close. Most are living off borrowed money and time, helped along by infusions of money from

the government. The result of this policy has been high inflation, including a November rate of 15 percent. But it has or liquidation would have compar-He suggested that the decree kept the government from having arively little say.

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"The application will be accepted," he predicted, adding, "We will (Reuters, Bloomberg) try to get the best deal out of it."

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The former conservative gov- ways would seek a 17 billion dracbernment's application to the Com- ma loan from state commercial

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would not have resolved the air- 1994 to cover operating expenses.

millions of Russians out of work. Mr. Belyaev acknowledged as much on Tuesday. "Both our legis-German 30-Year Bond lation and our practice do not allow us today to liquidate or reorganize an enterprise without well thoughtout measures of social protection. social support of the enterprise or the workers who work there," he

He also said the best course for state-owned enterprises to avoid bankruptcy would be to become private enterprises. His did not make it clear why he thought so. A new government decree setting

out administrative procedures for bankruptcies reserves for the state most of the power and decisionmaking in determining the fate of insolvent companies. Banks and other financial institutions with a direct stake in a company's survival

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dish and transmit a concert to radio stations. Then Mr. Sudikoff entered the sports arena, carrying radio baseball broadcasts. He later caught the interest of professional basketball and football, becoming the largest independent transmitter of sporting events.

Like many young companies, IDB has had growing pains. In the late 1980s, IDB borrowed heavily and mishandled at least one major acquisition.

Over the last couple of years, IDB has pared its debt. Its stock, which was at \$6 a share when the company went public in 1986, rose as high

as \$58 and was trading at \$51, off 25 cents, on Tuesday. Analysts now look to IDB's interna-

tional long-distance services for earnings growth. With recent acquisitions of World Communications and Stars, which provide broadcasting and private telephone services to parts of Europe and Latin America, the company has

secured membership in what is still a small club, notes Charles Scheike, an analyst at Smith Barney Shearson. The role of a carrier like IDB, Mr. Sudikoff said, will evolve to storing data and forwarding it

to the end user on request. Over the next year he

carriers and cable companies and form alliances with makers of programming and other software. To that end, IDB has invested \$2 million to \$3 million in cooperation with Dow Jones & Co. to sell high-end products through a special classi-fied insert in The Wall Street Journal.

Mr. Sudikoff's focus now is attracting people

said he expected IDB to follow the lead of other

to his phone and transmission services and simplifying his products. When he begins marketing long distance, for example, he will be packaging the service with discounts on cable sports channels or carmarking pertions of phone bills to a favorite charity.

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# Seoul Keeps Bidding Open On Fast Train

SECUL — South Korea has asked GEC Alsthom and Siemens AG to keep open their bids to build a high-speed train, extending a deadline originally set for the end of this year and keeping alive the German company's hopes of landing

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Both companies signaled willingness to extend their offers.

Government officials said Tuesday that the Korea High-Speed Rail Construction Authority, a unit of the Transport Ministry, made the request last week. "We asked the two bidders to keep their offers valid indefinitely into next year,"

said a director of the authority. "GEC Alsthom is not coming

## HSBC Firing 150 Workers on Strike in Manila

MANILA - Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. said Tuesday it was firing nearly 80 percent of its Pilipino employces after they refused to end a strike the bank says is illegal.

Bank executives said about 150 of 190 employees would be discharged.

The bank said it had warned strikers that the work stoppage was illegal under Philippine la-bor law because there had been no strike notice or mediation by the Department of Labor.

On Wednesday, unionized employees went on strike and set up picket lines at the bank's two branches.

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said they resented the American

claims, and insisted U.S. chip-

Japan's committee that monitors

foreign semiconductors, said Tues-

day that foreign chip sales in Japan in the April-September period of

1993 were up 26 percent or \$4.5

forward, especially in technology transfer," the director said, "GEC Alsthom must know that the game

is not over yet."

It was a veiled warning the government may drop GEC Alsthom, a joint venture of Alcatel Alsthom of France and General Electric Co. of Britain, to favor of a consortium

led by Siemens of Germany. The ministry had named the Anglo-French company in August as the priority bidder to provide trains, signal systems and other equipment for the 410-kilometer (255-mile)

high-speed railway linking Seoul to the southeastern port of Pasan.

Siemens, which is bidding with Daimler-Benz AG's AEG AG unit, said in November that it was cutting its bid by 10 percent, to about \$2.12

The GEC group bid about \$2.3 billion, and the lower Siemens offer has drawn support by the opposition Democratic Party in South Ko-rea. Siemens initially said its first bid had been lower than GEC's, and it has challenged the original award, saying the Anglo-French consor-tium had lobbied the South Korean

government for the contract. The extension of the deadline "changes nothing" for GEC Alsthon, a spokesman said. He said his company remained the pri-

ority bidder for the contract. The negotiations have been prolonged, that's all, and that's normal for such a big contract," he said. "All that one can say is that the authorities are perhaps trying to put pressure on us, and that is

logical during negotiations."

The Anglo-French group built the TGV, or Train a Grande Vitesse, which has operating in France for a decade, while Siemens led a consortimm to construct the Inter-City Express, a train recently put into operation in Germany. (AFP, AFX)

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Serichiro Noboru, the top eco-

The 1991 U.S.-Japanese Semicon-

ductor Arrangement called for im-

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the Japanese chip market by the end of 1992, and for steady increases

through 1995 in market access, measured in terms of market share, joint ventures and other indicators.

have been rising even faster.

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Japan's committee that monitors

CHIPS: U.S.-Japan Dispute Flores JOBS: Japan Unemployment Up

# Telkom to Seek Listing Hope for Jakarta Privatization Revival

JAKARTA - Indonesia's state-owned telecommunications giant PT Telkom said Tuesday it wants to list on Jakarta's booming stock market next year, a move that brokers said could kick-start the government's stalled privatization program.

The company's finance director, Muliohardjoko, said the government would decide soon if the company could raise funds for expansion plans by an

hange flotation or debt issue. Telkom is viewed by many international and domestic bankers as one of Indonesia's best-run state companies, having brought order to the chaotic telephone systems in the world's fourth-most-populous nation.

Whether we issue bonds or shares is up to the government, but Telkom would like to issue shares," Mr. Muljohardjoko said.

Telkom has already prepared itself to go pub-lic. We have satisfied the necessary criteria, added Mr. Muljohardjoko, Starting in April, the company will embark on an ambitious plan to install five million new lines

across the sprawling archipelago over five years, at an estimated cost of 15 trillion rupish (57.1 bil-Indonesia now has 2.98 million lines, more than double the 1.41 million it had in 1990.

The World Bank, which has played a significant role in the development of Indonesia's telecommunications sector, has given tacit support for the planned expansion.

Brokers said listing Telkom would boost the government's stalled plan to float more than 50 state companies and increase foreign interest in the small Jakarta exchange.

Eugene Galbraith, president-director of the bro-kerage house PT HG Asia, said "Listing Telkom would raise the profile of Jakarta's exchange and increase market capitalization, which needs to use." Total market capitalization is only around \$30 billion, much less than in Singapore or Malaysia.

Indonesia delayed its privatization plans in 1991 when the stock market collapsed. The only state company to go public has been PT Semen Gresik, a cement concern that was listed in 1991.

Telkom's readiness to go public follows an investor stampede to buy stock in telecommunications concerns in Singapore and Thailand. Telecom Asia Corp. burst onto the Bangkok exchange last week, becoming the market's biggest stock on its debut by more than doubling in price. In Singapore, about half population owns shares in the country's state-run telecommunications company, which was floated in October.

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next fiscal year should focus on unemployment," he said. "In view

of the present consumption trend,

economic ministers share the view

that income-tax cuts are the most

But the government, in the face

of disagreement over how to make Reuters reported.

necessary policy."

"The success of these issues would give the Indonesian government confidence." Mr. Galbraith said.

Nicholas Hope, the World Bank's chief representative in Jakarta, said the bank was preparing a \$400 million project for new lines to be presented to the board next year for approval, and would continue in support planned line installations.

The World Bank stands ready to support the

government's objectives in the telecon

Telkom, which employs 40,000 people, forecasts pretax profit of 390.43 billion rupiah this year on

Telkom's readiness to go public follows an investor stampede to buy stock in its counterparts in Singapore and Thailand.

revenue of 2.9 trillion rupiah, up from pretax profit last year of 324 billion rupiah on revenue of 2.42 trillion rupiah.

The company predicted assets would rise to 6.88 trillion rupiah this year from 5.75 trillion in 1992.

■ Investment From Abroad Declines

Approvals for foreign investment in Indonesia fell 22.3 percent, to \$8 billion, in the year ended Dec. 27, putting pressure on the economy and prompting calls from bankers for more deregulation. Reuters

reported from Jakarta. The fall in investment approvals, from \$10.3 billion in 1992, was announced by the government on Tuesday, only nine days before the expected

unveiling of the 1994-95 national budget.

The figure comes at a difficult time for the overnment, which has already said it would have to rethink economic planning for the year from

April because of falling oil prices.

Investment Minister Sanyoto Sastrowardoyo blamed the investment approval decline on the recession in industrialized countries and stiff com-

petition for funds from other nations. "Increasingly tougher competition among Asian countries and the opening up of Eastern European markets have caused the fall to foreign tovesument approvals," he said. Singapore was the largest foreign investor in the latest year, with \$1.33 billion, followed by Japan, with \$815 million and South Korea with \$660 million.

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reduce its large trade surplus. The

merical targets, but Japan has re-sisted, saying it cannot tell the pri-vate sector what to buy.

Reuters reported.

The ministry said "more and more full-time and part-time workers are being hired in the service sectors with low unionization rates."

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# Rothmans Adamant on

HONG KONG — Rothmans In-ternational PLC hinted on Tuesday that it would freeze its Malaysian unit out of a new subsidiary cover-ing the booming East Asian tobacco market if a Kuala Lumpur shareholder refused to back the deal. cw-l John Webb, chief executive of the new company, Rothmans of Pall Mall (Asia) Ltd., said he was

confident the one shareholder that had opposed the deal would relent when stockholders vote on Friday. But he ruled out sweetening the deal and said if it did not go through this week, Rothmans would consider rebuilding it with

its Singapore subsidiary only. "I don't think we can modify the deal. The deal has been set up over several months," be said. "The deal will stand or fall by the vote."

Under the deal, announced in February, Rothmans' 50 percent subsidiaries in Malaysia and Singa-pore would be fused and the British parent would add its businesses in China and Japan.
While shareholders of the Singa-

pore company backed the deal unanimously, one major institutional shareholder in Malaysia dropped a bombshell, indicating by proxy that it would not support it.

With the deal facing defeat, the Malaysian shareholders' meeting was adjourned Dec. 22 to give time to win over the dissenter. Mr. Webb refused to name the

dissenter but analysts believe it may be Rothmans Malaysia's second-biggest shareholder, Permodalan Nasional Bbd., a state tovestment bouse representing the interest of ethnic Malays, which

has a 17.5 percent stake.

Asked what would happen if the charcholder did not change its mind, he said: "We would have to consider because the Singapore shareholders voted for it - whether a similar scheme could be concocted which includes Singapore but obviously would exclude Malaysia.

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Simultaneous with the Novem-

leased a breakdown by region for the January-June period that

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"rose to the first half of this year because the economic recovery was

(AP, Reuters, AFP)

TRADE: The Surplus Contracts

United States wants it to set nu-

The merchandise-trade portion with the United States totaled

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Growth in imports outpaced was \$67.3 billion.

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# Investor's Asia **Asia Merger**

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• GE Lighting, a unit of General Electric Co., is forming a venture with Shanghai Jiahao Industry & Commerce Co. to make and sell bulbs, lamps and other lighting products in China.

The Association of Indian Automobile Manufacturers estimates the industry will make a record 260,000 cars in the year ending next March 31, up 28 percent from the previous year.

• Gillette Co. is considering introducing in India its Parker, PaperMate and Waterman pens, its Braun appliances and its Oral-B dental products, the company's local venture, Indian Shaving Products Ltd., said.

Thai Sky TV, a Wattachak Co. unit, and International Broadcasting Corp., Thailand's subscription television operators, have gotten prelimi nary permission to expand their broadcast areas outside Bangkok. The Taipei District Prosecutor's Office charged 53 investors with manipulating the share price of Was Printed Circuit Co.

# Japan Plans Outlay for Jet

The Associated Press

TOKYO - Japan announced

The announcement by an official of the Ministry of Industry and Trade followed a government decisi-

Boeing Co. because there seemed to be bittle demand for the plane. plans Thesday to spend 1.6 billion Boeing earlier decided to develop a yen (\$14.4 million) next year on denew version of its 737 plane that could carry up to 160 passengers.

A MITI official said Boeing was one of several foreign companies that have shown interest in working on the new Japanese plane, which would be a 70- to 80-seat model and

veloping a passenger plane, with half the sum for engine research.

on last week to suspend develop-ment of a mid-sized plane with is called YSX.

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Stan Anderson, a lawyer who represents Japanese computer-chip makers, said America was wrong to emphasize market share. Total sales of imported chips have been rising in dollar terms in Japan, and the market share has been dropping (Reuters, NYT) 

"If the political front cannot come up with a tax-cut agreement in the near future, it is likely that the jobless rate will exceed the 3.1 Union membership has fallen Manufacturers are importing States, said Mincko Sasaki-Smith, steadily since 1975, when organized products from their overseas factories to sell in the domestic mar-(Reuers, NYT) percent peak in the months ahead," cent of the work force. 

Michael Lockrow at Baring Securi-

■ Labor Unions Decline

The Labor Ministry said Tuesday that only 12.6 million, or 24.2 percent, of Japan's 52.33 million

employees belonged to unions in

unions appeared in Japan in 1945,

(Remers, AP)

1993, a record low since free labor declined 4 percent in October.

ties said in a report.

# Fedorov, Doing the Small Things, Goes Big-Time in NHL

worked too hard.

By Joe Lapointe

New York Times Service DETROIT - In terms of bacheto challenge the legends of Joe Namath or Wilt Chamberlain or, even. Darius Kasparaitis, Fedorov, who has overtaken Wayne Gretzky for the National Hockey League's scoring lead, is a modest man who lives in a modest house in a modest suburb of a modest city. His housemate is his mother,

who came over from Russia last

"She's a very good cook; that's probably the higgest part of my life," said Fedorov, a center for the Detroit Red Wings who just celehrated his 24th birthday. can't imagine! Russian food, every day something different. Unheliev-

Lest one get the impression that he is naive or a sheltered mother's boy, Fedorov emphasizes that his life is in halance

"You know, young people like to party sometimes, too," he said, a perating from a herniated disc,

smile spreading across his angular face, which is framed by longish ed his return with a shorthanded by longish by longish ed his return with a shorthanded by longish by longish ed his return with a shorthanded by longish ed his return with a shorthand by longish ed his return with a shorthand by longish ed his return with a short had been been by longish by longish by longish ed his return with a short had been by longish by hlond hair. "And I'm one of them. lor life, Sergei Fedorov is not going But 1 know it's very important to take care of business first."

And he is doing it rather well After Monday night's game against the Dallas Stars, in which he got two goals and an assist. Fedorov had 28 goals and 35 assists for 63 points, as he pulled four points ahead of Gretzky.

Fedorov has a plus-minus ratio of plus 23. That means the Red Wings have scored 23 more goals than the opposition when Fedorov is on the ice with the teams at even strength. He also works the power play and kills penalties. Known during his first three

years mainly as a "two-way center" on the second line, someone who could check the other team's best player. Fedorov has increased his offense this season because Steve Yzerman was out. The veteran captain and annual scoring leader, who goal that belped Detroit get its eighth victory in its last nine games. Fedorov's playing style is a con-

noisseur's delight. His speed, skating skills and passing touch are ohvious, hut it is his tenacity and determination that impress scouts and coaches. He enjoys playing defense work in a way that is uncommon in many stars. Watch him play the proper angle to block a skating lane or to prevent a pass. See him clamp down on the stick of an opponent to turn a dangerous shot into a harmless one or win a sprint to the corner and crash into the glass to get the puck out of danger. I love the details of the game, Fedorov said. "You do small things and they lead to hig things, and hig things lead to huge things, and

huge things lead to team success.

It's important because guys sit on

Behind the bench is Scotty Bow-

man, the veteran coach, who com-

pares Fedorov to Jacques Lemaire,

the bench and they watch you."

Montreal, Lemaire was the center who earned Hall of Fame honors by assuming leadership responsibility and sharing the puck to increase the value of those around him. Bowman said one of his few worries about Fedorov was that he

"He's a good-size guy, he skates a lot, you want to make sure the practices are just a tuneup." Bow-man said. "He's got a good physique and tremendous stamina, as do most of the Soviet players at the elite level. Fedorov left the former Soviet Union without permission in 1990,

after the Goodwill Games in Seattle. He has not returned home since because he does not have a Russian passport, and he is leery of possible His father coaches a factory

team in Moscow and visited for Christmas with Fedorov's brother, who is 12. On the Soviet national team. Fedorov centered the top

Mogilny, now the captain of the Buffalo Sabres, and Pavel Bure. now the star of the Vancouver Ca-

When Fedorov arrived here, he signed a five-year contract that pays him \$295,000 per season. He is to earn \$370,000 next season, his option year. With the acceleration of salaries in the past several sea-sons, players of Fedorov's skill and statistics, generally make 5 to 10 times more than Fedorov is paid. That is why Fedorov has hired Mike Barnett to negotiate his next deal. Mogilny introduced Fedorov to Barnett, who also represents Gretzky and Brett Hull.

"We have, I guess, a bargain player, no question," said Brian Murray, the Red Wings' general manager. "We're going to treat him right. I've talked to Mike several times in the last couple weeks. I Probert and Darren McCarty are don't know if we have anything firm going, but we're talking. If we trouble for him. don't do something before the current year is over, we'll have a long some friends to Chicago to pick up

Although many teams have two or three former Soviet players, the adjustment has not been easy for

all of them. Murray, who coached the Red Wings for the last three years before hiring Bowman, said Fedorov "was abused quite a bit" by opponents. Asked whether it was because he was new or because he was Russian or because he was talented, Murray replied:

"All of those. Sometimes people thought they could punch him around and he wouldn't fight back because he was a Russian. Now he is being treated with a little more respect. He understands the players inst him a little better than be-

dirty, tough guys are." Fedorov said the treatment was "part of the business" and had sub-sided because teammates like Bob

His mother, Natalya, went with

his father, Viktor, and his brother, Fedor, at the airport.

"It's been 10 years since our family has been together at Christmas time," Fedorov said. "I told them: 'It's an order! Come over here!' Fantastic! I am so excited."

He has hired a language into for his mother, who is trying to learn English\_

"She's not doing bad at all for a lady who spoke a different lan-guage for 40 years and lived in a different culture." Fedorov

It was different for him, coming over at the age of 20.

"Before I came here, I had goals: Learn the culture, try and play for the Red Wings and try to be successful by playing as hard as I can," Fedorov said. "Not everything was easy in the beginning.

"I watched the example of players like Steve Yzerman and Mark Howe, who have been in the

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sure to see the attitude they have. And superstars like Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux, I watch them when I can, what they say in the news, how they are acting, how they do on the ice in difficult situations for their teams. It's a new world for me, like open-

# Grand Period For Celtics Isn't Enough

The Associated Press For one brief quarter, the Boston Celtics were the championship team of yesteryear.

It didn't last. The Celtics made their first nine shots and led the Phoenix Suns, 24-10, just 41/2 minutes into the game, 31 advantage after 19-for-24 shooting. But Boston scored just 23

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points in the second period, and 13 in the third, and lost, 118-102, on Monday night.

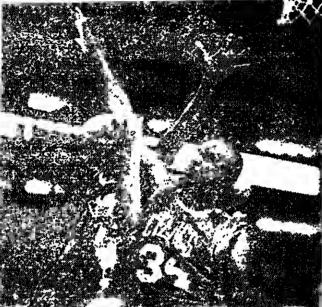
The loss was the sixth straight overall and the eighth in a row on the road for Boston, while Phoenix improved to 13-1 at home, best in

"We regrouped," said Dan Ma-jerle, who scored 20 of his 27 points in the first half to keep the Suns in the game. "I guess that's why they give you 48 minutes in haskethall." Dee Brown scored 14 of his 21 points in the first quarter for the Celtics, who shot 38 percent the

last three quarters after hitting 79 percent in the first. Oliver Miller scored nine of his 17 points in a 1:36 span late in the game, stifling a rally by Boston. which was outscored by 29-13 in

the third quarter.
A. C. Green finished with 25 points and 14 assists for the Suns. who went into the fourth quarter with a 91-75 lead. The Celtics got as close as 100-91 with 6:10 left, but Miller's flurry sealed the outcome. Brown scored only seven more points after his 14-point first quar-ter as the Phoenix coach, Paul

Westphal, put Johnson on Brown. Clippers 96, 76ers 86: Los Angeles beat visiting Philadelphia for only the fourth time in 19 meetings as Danny Manning had 21 points and a season-high 15 rebounds, while Loy Vaught got with 19



The Suns' Kevin Johnson, after being battered by Kevin Gamble

points and tied a career high with

Jazz 97, Timberwolves 93: Utah won its eighth straight home game quarter run.

dropped Sacramento's road record to 1-11 as Shaquille O'Neal had 32

the final nine minutes. the stretch, hreaking open a close game against the Kings, who got 40 points from Mitch Richmond hut

(34) and Dee Brown, then turned the tables on the Celtics.

and handed Minnesota its sixth consecutive loss behind Karl Malone's 34 points and a 17-4 fourth-Malone helped hold Christian

lotte extended its homecourt winning streek to six as Larry Johnson had 29 points, 20 rebounds and 11

still lost for the 19th time in 25

Laettner to six points on 2-for-16

Hornets 109, Pistons 94: Char-

assists and Alonzo Mourning points, and Kevin Johnson had 23 scored 30 points against Detroit. Il was Johnson's first triple-double of the season and his third in Magic 122, Kings 110: Orlando

> points and 17 rebounds and Dennis Scott scored 16 of his 20 points in Scott hit four 3-pointers down

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# **Temple First Loss**

Temple has risen steadily in the college basketball rankings this season on the strength of victories over Kansas, Alabama-Birmingham and Cincinnati. Georgia Tech has been stuck between Nos. 13 and 18 because of its weak

schedule after a season-opening loss to Michigan.
But No. 4 Temple was handed its first defeat of the season on Monday night, losing by 57-51 to the 15th-ranked Yellow Jackets in New York in

the first round of the COLLEGE BASKETBALL ECAC Holiday Festival tournament. Neither team lonked sharp after a week of inactivity, as Tech outshot

Temple by 43 percent to 27 percent.
"We can play hetter," said Georgia Tech's coach, Bobby
Cremins. "Temple can play better. We're happy to win."
The Yellow Jackets (8-1) took 6:24 to get their first points, hut Temple (4-1) did not take advantage, scoring just six

points in that span while missing 11 of 14 shots.

Travis Best had 19 points for Georgia Tech, including seven of its last nine. The Owls missed their final four shots. "We'll go back to the ways of winning some of the ugly ones," said their coach. John Chaney. "We've had good shooting nights this year. There were nights even the bad

shots went in. We just have to go back and find a way to win those ugly games again, and we will. Trust me, we will." Georgia Tech will play St. John's in the tournament championship game on Wednesday.
No. 13 Indiana 81, Texas Christian 65: Damon Bailey scored 24 points to lead the Hoosiers (6-2) in the Hoosier

Classic in Indianapolis, moving past Ted Kitchel and Uwe Blab into 14th place on Indiana's all-time scoring list with 1,359 points. The senior made 11 of 13 free throws - figures that topped the totals of the entire Texas Christian team. The Horned Frogs (2-5) finished with 29 fouls to Indiana's 11.

and 12 rebounds for the Hoosiers. Kurt Thomas scored 38 No. 17 Wisconsin 80, Stanford 73: Tracy Webster sank a 3-pointer to put Wisconsin, playing at home, ahead to stay

Alan Henderson and Todd Lindeman each had 13 points

finish with 17 points, while Michael Finley led the Badgers (7-0) with 21. Andy Poppink led the Cardinal (6-1) with a career-high 22 points.

No. 21 George Washington 87, Coastal Carolina 68 Kwame Evans scored 24 points, and the Colonials (6-1) used

their superior size, strength and speed in the Sugar Bow Tournament in New Orleans to win their fifth straight. Evans and Yinka Dare, a 7-foot-1-inch center, keyed a 14l hurst that gave George Washington a 42-31 lead at halftime, and Coastal (4-2) never got closer than nine points.

No. 25 Western Kentucky 59, Princeton 49: The Hilltonpers (4-2), contending with Princeton's slow-down offense, scored 23 points off turnovers and 14 on offensive rebounds in the other game in the Hoosier Classic.

# Georgia Tech Deals A Man Whom the Shoe Fits

ONDON — Sporting careers are like Christmas lights.

They shine, they flicker, and they go. Sometimes the afterglow is worth the expense. But sometimes you wonder what happens to the inner man when, even before the onset of mid-life, the hyperactive physical effort is switched off. However, not all former professionals settle for the carpet shippers. Craig Johnston, an Australian who made it big with

Liverpool, is busier in "retirement" than he was in action. That is saying something. As a player he was described as a bee in a bottle. He buzzed, raising his game to a plane higher by far than his natural ability should have allowed. He succeeded on running, on desire, on an almost desperate mission to show those Poms what an Outback upstart could

do. He quit at 27, uninjured but restless for life beyond the playing field and the locker room. Five years later, he

Rob Hughes A

hasn't stopped running, or quit roving. When the phone rings nowadays, followed by his familiar "How yer doing mate?" you ask which time zone, which continent, which hemisphere Johnston's wife, whom he courted at 13 as Jenny Jones, asks the same questions. Settled in County Dublin, Ireland, with

their three daughters, she ponders with the rest of us which idea, which challenge, which cause, he is pursuing at any one The wanderlust was born into Craig Johnston. He was conceived in England, born in Johannesburg, raised in Speers Point, New South Wales. And apart from seven seasons riding the crest of Liverpool's wave, he remains a person of no fixed

There are homes, beautiful homes, in Australia overlooking Sydney Harbor, another high above Whale Beach. There are flats of convenience in Paris and Germany, places to catch him in New York or London or, rarely, at Johnston Research and Developments, his business company

The surfboard and the motorbike back in Australia hint at the style of the man. The books, from "Soccer Excellence" by the Dutch coach Wiel Coerver to "The Mark of God, Lest We

Be Muslims," give some clue to the eclectic mind.
Yet no four walls confine him. His "office," a place where his butterfly mind settles on ideas, is a rockface over the swears it enhances his control. Australian peninsula. The ideas, from commercial projects to soccer shoes, dely convention.

DEFIANCE IS JOHNSTON'S cause célèbre. His autobiography, "Walk Alone," fails to adequately explain why a player walks away from a club in the week of his second FA Cup Final appearance.

There was a family reason, the call home to Australia to help rehabilitate a younger sister who suffered brain damage

in a freak accident. There was a dispute with a manager who made him substitute too often. But he says the love of playing for the game's sake had waned, the lure of carrying on for cash was not motivation.

Before you doubt that, you have to understand that soccer was handed down as his father's obsession, and that greater

challenges lay in the inspiration of his mother, a country girl who became a schoolteacher. She taught Johnston that life is what you make it, that the horizons are where you set them. Those parents, Colin and Dorothy, gambled their home on

When he was 15 they sold the house to finance his attempt to become an apprentice soccer player in England. It was a gamble in the extreme, a matter of mouths after he had suffered the setback of osteomylitis, an inflammation that

attacks the bone marrow. The disease first attacked him at 6, when doctors prepared to amputate Johnston's leg but ultimately succeeded in scraping the bone marrow clean. They "forebade" soccer, so of

course he channeled everything into it. When English players saked about the scar of that opera-tion, he told them. "That's my shark bite, mate." At least one English international believed this. But self-belief, his mother's dictum, now carries him around

the globe. He dreams up concepts, including animation and including the employment of the greatest players on earth, to help soccer cross its final frontiers in Australia and America. He is a UNICEF international ambassador for sport. He tinkers and he tampers even with the fundamental tool of

soccer, the shoe. For 100 years, give or take fashion changes or

new materials to lighten and given new cosmetic appeal, the basic design has scarcely altered. But next April, Johnston's new shoe, the Adidas Pretedor, will go on the market. He dreamed it up while coaching aborigine children in Darwin, and perfected it while sitting on his rock.

THE BALL," he reasons, "is a perfect object. It doesn't I make mistakes. And as someone whose foot touch was

not so lognacious, I'm in awe of the way the Ghanaians, the Brazilians make the ball talk." The common factor, from Africa to the Copa Cobana, is that children learn to play barefoot. Johnston, beginni

experiments by attaching table tennis bat rubber to the outside of soccer shoes, developed with Adidas a boot that has a mobberized kicking area molded into fin-like shapes. He badgered Adidas to boild a test unit and to improve design after design. He took the shoe out, persuading the modern stars to try it and to tell him what more they needed. Ron Koeman, king of the free-kick, believes it can add power and "bend" to his shot. Abedi Pele, the Ghanaian who

needs little help in mesmerizing people with his footwork. producing "twice the friction co-efficient" of conventional

footwear. And the patent in its design is on the spacing between the ridged fins around the toecap.

That, mate, leaves this observer in his wake. To my mind, the interest lies in the man rather than the tool. But Johnston has obtained FIFA's endorsement for his shoe, launched in Las Vegas the week before Christmas.

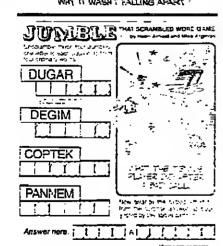
"We persuaded them it is 100 percent legal, naught percent fair," he says. Whether it will catch on may depend on the price. The Predator will retail at about \$175 a pair, far out of reach of those kids whose berefoot skills planted the idea in Johnston's mind. Knowing him, he'll think up some way to

rectify that injustice. Rob Hughes is on the stoff of The Times.

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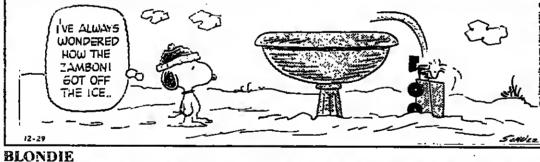


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# **SPORTS**



The 245-pound rookie Natrone Means, cluding the grasp of the Dolphins' Cliff Odom, scored three touchdowns, one on a 65-yard run, as the Chargers won, 45-20.

# Yacht Race Loses Leader But a Skipper Is Rescued

SYDNEY - The yacht Brindabella, which had been on course to break the race record, was forced on of the Sydney-to-Hobart com-petition Tuesday with a damaged bow, hours after an Australian skipper who had been washed over-board in the storm was rescued

after surviving six hours in the sea.
Gale force headwinds had sunk two boats and forced almost half the 105 yachts in the race to pull out by late Toesday, officials said.

John Quinn, owner and captain of the 11-meter (36-foot) boat Mem, was brought into the ony fishing port of Eden, on the southern coast of New South Wales, after a long night treading water in waves of up to seven meters whipped by 50-knot (92 kph) winds.

inn, 49, was swept off his boat at 11 P.M. hy what he described as "a huge freak wave." "I was on the helm and got pitched across the boat," he added. "I probably took half the life lines

with me. I certainly broke the safety harness I was on."

Quinn, who was wearing a flotation vest, said that "I saw the Mem perately searched for him in the dark. The boat came within 200 meters of him at one point, he said, bn) "i) was very hard to see me." Hours later, the race's media

center began preparing an obituary and pext of kin were notified that Quinn was missing.

Bu) the oil tanker Ampol Sorell,

one of the ships that was diverted

to search for Quinn, eventually spotted the reflective tape on his The tanker's captain ordered the

engines cut, and when the crew heard Quinn's cries, they radioed the yacht Atara, which had itself been dismasted and was heading Ouinn said that the first time

Atara sailed past, its crew didn't see him, "So I called, 'Hey!' The crew heard me and picked me up

with a spotlight."
The Cork-registered Atara plucked Quinn from the water at 5

"The dog paddle kept me going," he said, "but the cold was really beginning to get to me." Quinn, who was suffering from man had belped him warm up by clinging on."

"I am feeling pretty good. I am getting back to normal," he added. "I have stopped most of the shak-

The Sydney businessman has heen sailing since he was 7 and ocean racing since the age of 19. This was his 13th Sydney-to-Ho-

bart race and, he said, his last one. "I think I was probably getting toward the end of it," be said. Brindabella's crew made tempo-

rary repairs to its bow, but then sailed their yacht to Flinders Island off Tasmania, where they pulled out of the race. The French-crewed Bobsled-So-

ciété Générale, under Yves Pajot, which earlier Tuesday had trailed Brindabella by 30 nautical miles, took over the lead and could cross the finish line by Wednesday after-Doon, race officials said.

Micropay Cuckoos Nest and Ninety Seven, both out of New South Wales, were battling for secood place, some 26 nautical miles

The huge waves also sank the 12-meter yacht Adjuster during the night, hut all eight of its crew were

Race officials took the unprecedented step of advising skippers to seriously consider whether they

should continue. Most of the retired yachts, including the Australian maxi Ragamuffin, had suffered gear damage

and some were taking water as they motored to the oearest port. But some skippers simply decided the going was too tough and that it was not worth risking their lives. "It is the hardest race we have

ever had," said a race official. "We have reminded skippers that these conditions are going to continue for the next 24 hours." "Any yacht that has been damaged is well advised to retire. But if

they are doing well in the rough conditions then the race is on." Two Royal Australian Navy

long-range helicopters, with three rescue teams aboard, flew to eastfour injuries this season, the latest a ern Victoria on Tuesday to help in

TODAY'S

(AP, Reuters, AFP)

### SIDELINES

### 259 Begin the Paris-Dakar Rally

PARIS (AP) — The grueling but prestigious Paris-Dakar rally began Tuesday within sight of the Effel Tower, en route to its destination next year at Euro Disneyland after passing through three African countries.

In all 259 autos, motorcycles and trucks made an early morning departure from Place Trocadero, just across the river from Paris' famous

### For the Record

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Monique Velzenboer, the Dutch short-track speed skater who broke a neck vertebra training in France last week for the 1994 Winter Olympics, will never walk again, her doctor said Tuesday, (Reders)
Werner Perathoner of Italy twisted his right knee in a spill during
World Cup downbill practice Tuesday in Bormio, Italy, and doctors said

that a tendon was possibly torn.

(AP)

Brien Taylor, 22, the 1991 overall No. 1 draft choice by the New York

Yankees, had diagnostic arthroscopic surgery on his dislocated pitching
shoulder Tnesday. He hurt his left shoulder during a fight.

(NYT) Wim Jansen, chief coach of the Dutch soccer team Feyenoord, is leaving the club to help fellow-Dutchman Leo Beenhakker prepare Saudi

• Pro golfer Massy Kuramoto, asked how to say double eagle in Japanese: "You say, 'Double eagle."

# Chargers Rout Dolphins, Imperil Playoff Chances

Meanwhile, this was San Diego's

Super Bowl. The Chargers (7-8)

were swallowed whole by Miami in

last season's American Football

Where is Lett when the Dolphins

Since Lett turned a last-minute

made good on, that victory has been

followed by a loss to the New York

score was just as untidy.

By Tom Friend New York Times Service

SAN DIEGO - The Miami Dolphins, without a victory since the Cowboys' Leon Lett helped them beat Dallas in November, are beginning to look like a David Shula team, Last-second bomb passes work against them, running backs barrel through them and the playoffs may now pass by them, Miami's coach, Don Shula, spent November consoling his son, Da-vid — whose Cincinnati Bengals

started 0-11 - but now who is consoling whom? The Dolphins were trounced, 45-20, by the San Diego Chargers on Monday night, and, with four straight losses and a 9-6 record, Miami's post-season possibilities

can be counted on only two fingers.

If they defeat New England on
Sunday in Foxboro, Massachusetts, the Dolphins are definitely in.

NHL Standings

"You never know what the

weather will be up there," Miami linebacker Bryan Cox said.

fense. Last week, it surrendered 47 points to Buffalo; Monday night's But if New England wins, then the Dolphins gain the playoffs only if the New York Jets lose in Houston, and if either the Pittsburgh Steelers (home to the Cleveland Browns) or the Los Angeles Raiders (home to the Denver Broncos) lose. Conference championship game, 31-0, and this was vengence of sorts (The Broncos' leading rusher,

Rod Bernstine, was put on injured for a team out of the playoff picture. reserve after dislocating his right shoulder in Sunday's 17-10 loss to need him? Their last victory came the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, He will on Thanksgiving Day, when be unable to play again until oext blocked field goal into a free ball hy putting his big paw on it, giving the Dolphins a second chance that they If the Dolphins do somehow slip

in, it will be without momentum. When San Diego's Stan Humphries was not throwing toochdown passes Monday night — and he threw three — he was sending 245pound (111-kilogram) rookie Natrone Means on his way.

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Giants, which was followed by a loss to Pittsburgh, which was followed by a loss to Buffalo -all in Miami. The blame can be sliced into sev-Means scored three touchdowns eral pieces. The injured Dan Marihimself, one a 65-yard beauty, no's left-handed replacement, Scott

rated shoulder, Mitchell's aged re-placement. Steve DeBerg, has a bandage the size of a dollar bill on gers and one set up Humphries' lasthis cheek: linebacker John Offer- second touchdown scoring pass. The dahl has too many injuries to name, and the Dolphins' running game is

one yard and a screech of brakes. They cannot run the ball, nor can they stop others from doing so, oor do they have any luck left — all of which was evident again Mooday night. With five seconds left in the first half the Chargers held a 17-13 lead, were 41 yards from the end zone and attempted a deep, desper-

Two defenders - Siepheo Braggs and Chris Green — jumped to snare the ball, but it bounded off their hands and into the palms of San Diego's Aothooy Miller.

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from Miami's running game. In their last three games, the Dolphins have rushed for 51, 49 and 23 yards — a total of 123 — which is the smallest three-game

total in league history. The Dolphins' defense has been hindered by injuries to cornerback Troy Vincent (knee) and safety Louis Oliver (foot), and the run defense keeps asking when Offerdahl will return,

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By Michael Winerip New York Times Service

NIANTIC, Connecticut — One of the great frustrations for anyone writing about education or social service reform is trying to determine whether the latest new thing delivers any better results than the same old thing.

A refreshing exception is the new National Guard's Challenge program for high school dropouts. The program takes tough teen-agers, houses them in a barracks for five months, then uses paramilitary discipline, marching drills and lots of classroom instruction to get them their high school equivalency di-

piomas. Students who pass their educational tests can enroll in further education or training programs and are entitled to a \$2,200 stipend. Last spring Congress financed \$44 million for 10 of these dropout camps nationwide. In July, Connecticut's was the first to open, here

at Camp Weicker. That first Connecticut class has graduated and the results are in. The numbers: In July, 172 students, ages 16 to 18, were enrolled here. Their average reading level was sixth grade: 58 percent were black or Hispanic; 74 percent had not completed their junior year of

Seventy-six of the original 172 received certificates for finishing the five-month program. Of those

### **Newly Found Sonatas** May Not Be Haydn's

New York Times Service NEW YORK - The set of six keyboard sonatas found two weeks ago and attributed to Franz Joseph Haydn may be modern forgeries. several musicologists say.

The premiere performance and a symposium, which had been scheduled at Harvard University in Feb-

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ruary, have been canceled.

The initial consensus that the music was Haydn's seems to be falling apart," said James Webster, a Hayda scholar and professor of music at Cornell University. The works, supposedly six of the seven lost sonatas Hayda composed after 1765, were reportedly discovered

by an elderly woman in Münster,

Oceania

76, 35 passed their general educa-tional development (GED) exami-

The two top students, Rasper Pugh and Lydia Street, won scholarships to Eastern Connecticut State University. (Lydia now will have a place to live for four years; her mother and sisters were recently evicted from their Norwich

Tynicha Drummonds almost quit with her best friend, Rocheli Ortiz. Rocheli haled soldier stuff, hut slowly it dawned on Tynicha, "I love being platoon sergeant." She sang the National Anthem at the ceremony.

Gerald Searies, who was kicked out of his house shortly before joining the program, was even more quiet than usual. "My mother says she's looking forward to seeing me," he said.

Connecticut's next five-month session begins in February. The federal government has appropriated \$60 million to continue this and the nine other camps - in Illinois, Arizona, Arkansas. Geor-gia, Louisiana. Maryland. New York, Oklahoma and West Virginia - through 1995 and add six new ones next year.

Politically they are popular. Conservatives see a good peacetime use for the military; liberals are pleased that scarce federal dollars go to a social service program.

Major General David Gay, the

Connecticut Guard commander, says this first effort taught his staff to be more careful in screening. "You want the tough kid," he said, but gang members have been a

Eight of the 10 state programs have had gang problems. The Guard has requested that the Justice Department provide gang-intervention training for camp staff.

Gay is satisfied by the first effort, but understands the numbers can be read two ways: 76 inspiring human dramas; or 35 GEDs out of 172. Success? What do you determine a success to be?" said the general. He offers one last set of numbers.

The Guard's five-month program costs about \$14,000 a teen-ager; about half that in 10 months on a child; however, state prisons spend more than twice that in 12 months on an adult.

Russell Baker is on vacation.

# Inside-Outside: Life in the Glass House

By Joan Dupont

PARIS - In the heart of the Left Bank. near the ghostly hulls of Faubourg Saint-Germain hôtels particuliers, is a famous, but rarely visited modern house. Translucent from the inside, opaque on the outside, the house has few windows: It is made of glass. Pierre Chareau, a decorator who never went to architecture school, designed this ohenomenon known as the Glass House, complete with furnishings, for his friends Dr. Jean Dalsace and Annie Bernheim Dalsace, whose descendants live there still. This is why the house, protected as a national monument, has remained private and confidential.

In the 1930s, the Glass House was an event. Lighted up like a Chinese lantern at night, it was a theater for brilliant parties; guests included Max Ernst, Max Jacob, Jean Lurgat Yehudi Menuhin, Darius Mithand. When the lights went out in Europe, Charcau left for the United States, where he ended his life in obscurity.

Now an exhibition on his works at the Pompidou Center contributes to a revival that has been building since the '60s, when Chareau was rediscovered by the British architects Richard Rogers and Kenneth Frampton. The show (through Jan. 17) is co-produced with a group called Les Amis de la Maison de Verre, presided over by Aline Dalsace Vellay, who inherited — and lives in — the Glass House.

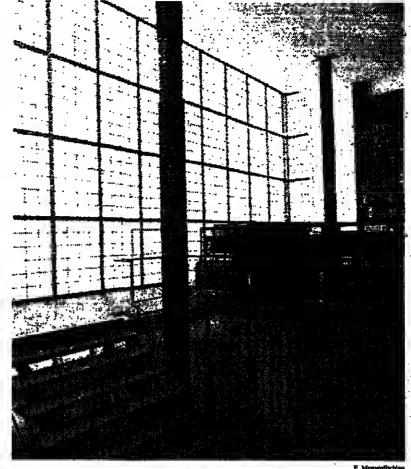
People who live in glass houses use

words like light and magic. Marc Vellay. the Dalsace grandson, looks back: "Even as a child visiting my grandparents, I was aware that the house was special; you couldn't just harge in and behave like a kid there. It was a magic house, with secret corners. I loved playing with the three doorbells - one for visitors, one for the doctor's patients, and a service entrance each had a different ring."

Vellay and his sisters used to spy down

on parties from behind the grid on the mezzanine, where you could see and not be seen; they played with Chareau's Tinkertoy-like mobile units — roller beds, fan tables and pivoting bookshelves. But no-body played in Dr. Dalsace's office — a high and private space, flooded with light from the garden; oobody used his special staircase, which led to an even more private study with a soundproof telephone booth, These days, it is the domain of Dr. Pierre Vellay, a gynecologist like Dalsace, his fa-

ther-in-law, as well as an obstetrician, The theatrical inside-outside house, with its grand salon, shadowy screens and functional furnishings, reflects an age when the arts overlapped and artists met up and merged skills. In the '20s, Chareau had designed sets for the cineaste Marcel L'Herhier, alongside the architect Robert Mallet-Stevens, the painter Robert De-



A view of the interior of Pierre Chareau's Glass House in Paris.

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launey and the couturier Paul Poiret. Through Dalsace, he met artists like Lurçat, who designed tapestries and up-holstery and painted a portrait of Annie Dalsace that still hangs in the house.

Few architects before the '20s had put their hand to interior design and few cabi-netmakers went beyond their craft. Chareau separated furniture from traditional omate decoration and popular Art Nou-veau curves and placed it in a modern space, linear and light.

"Chareau remodeled space; he had a special vision: He saw furniture as a piece of architecture and he saw a house as a big piece of furniture," Vellay says. It is oot everyone's dream to live in a big

piece of furniture. Chareau's house was specifically designed for an unusual artloving couple, devoted to making it work. Vellay recalls the family stories: "When Annie's father offered her a fur coat for

her birthday, she said she preferred a Picasso. She got her passion for modern art from Dollie, Chareau's wife, who had giv-en her English and cooking lessons when she was in her teens; she got bitten early."

Annie was a precocious patron of the avant-garde; her husband was a pioneering gynecologist, a research scientist and expert on sterility, a champion of birth control and sex education, who had a passion for the arts.

A three-story house of glass and steel is. not built like a movie set, and the house made of glass bricks from the Saint-Gobain factory had revolutionary features: a ventilation system for hot and cold air, elements in Duralumin, mobile and accessible plumbing and lighting fixtures.

Philippe Fouquey, an architect who helped prepare the Pompidou Center exhibition and a cousin of the Dalsace family, calls Chareau's achievement "hante conture with industrial materials." Fouquey who knows the house from childhood remembers its impact: "I was only 5, yet I felt the princely refinement of the house. Later, I was struck by how it changed the lives of Jean and Annie; how they had to live up to it - it took courage."

Charcan too needed courage to build a light and siry house in back of a dark 18thcentury courtyard. It took him four years. He first had to demolish the old building on the site, but the top-floor tenants refused to be dislodged. His solution was to elevate his edifice on stilts and build around the original apartment. No draftsman, he invented and improvised on the spot, overseeing each detail personally. His most precious collaborator was the ironsmith Louis Dalbet, whose creations formed the base for ingenious cupboards, folding gaming tables and alabaster cubist lamps, strung up on run-ners, or set on a pedestal, like the "Nun's

Vellay feels that despite obstacles and delays, Charean was determined to pour everything be had into one work. He wanted to do a chef d'ocuvre and he thought that never again would the conditions libe."

Although the designer was famous and feted in his day, Vellay, who has written three books on his work, says material about him is scarce because he produced little and published less. He built 10 houses. but most have disappeared. One of his last works was a converted Quonset but for the artist Robert Motherwell in East Hampton on Long Island. With Dollie, Charean lived in a one-room studio he built on the proper-ty until he died. The whole lot was sold for a

symbolic \$1, and destroyed.
"Chareau left France in 1939 because he was Jewish. Cut off from his craftsmen. and clients, he died in 1950; he was certainly depressed," Vellay said. "He was famous in his day, but his fame never went." beyond a small circle. The oldest of the moderns, he was born in the 19th century. He opened doors, but was never a militant spokesman for the modern movement. He spoke with his architecture and furniture,

but architecture and furniture are mute." Yet if the house survives, it is because it more than a structure of glass and steel. It speaks - and is spoken of - with lyric

"If today the impact of the house is so strong it's because of a miraculous meeting between the architect, his gifted crafts-men and his clients," Vellay says. "They knew each other so well. It took all those things - and affection and intelligence to make it work."

Joan Dupont is a Paris-based writer spe-

For a Song, Streisand Gets a \$3.5 Million Gift

Billionaire Kirk Kerkorian is so excited about Barbra Streisand's first paid concerts in 27 years that he's donating \$3.5 million to her favorite causes. Kerkorian is the major stockholder in the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas where Streisand will sing on New Year's Eve and on Jan. 1. Groups designated to receive the grants include the Americen Foundation for AIDS Research, the Gay and Lesbians Alli-ance Against Defamation and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Bodyguards belped Princess Diana carry away shopping bags after a brief trip to a mall in Chevy Chase, Maryland, where the princess bought a pair of jeans, sampled perfume and stopped for a cop of cap-puccino, during what the British Embassy called a private visit to Washington, Later, the princess was escorted to the Brazilian Embassy. where she is staying. Diana is a friend of Ambassador Paulo Tarso Flecha de Lima and his wife, Lucia. Meanwhile, Prince Charles is negotiating with the government to

become ambassador for British business, The Times of London reported. Carmen McRae, Louis Bellson

and Ahmad Jamel have been named masters of jazz," joining 37 other musicians so honored by the National Endowment for the Arts over the last 13 years. The awards will be presented Jan. 14 in Boston.

Film crews are expected in Athens. Georgia, in February with Tommy Lee Jones playing the lead role in "Cobb," the story of baseball legend Ty Cobb, who was known as the Georgia Peach. Cobb held the mark for most career hits with 4,191 until Pete Rose broke the record.

A Sotheby's expert has con-firmed that a pianoforte bought at auction for £200 (\$300) belonged to Johann Christian Bach, son of Johanni Sebastian Bach and also a composer, who moved to London about 1762.

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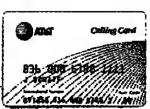
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